

Productivity Commission

GP Compliance Costs

As mentioned at the last meeting on 19 December 2002 I have put together a list of forms that have to be completed when a General Practitioner joins a Practice, either as a Locum or some other capacity. I am sure that the list is not totally comprehensive, but is one that we regularly refer to and as you will see there is a wide range of forms and Offices from which to source the forms and necessary information. Some central location or access point would be very welcome.

From Medicare (local office)

- Application for a Provider Number
- Application for a Group Pay Link for that Provider Number
- Practitioner Application for Authority to Transmit Medicare Direct Bill Claims Electronically
- Practitioner Application for Authority to Transmit Dept of Veterans' Affairs Direct Bill Claims Electronically.
- Application for Authority to transmit Immunisation Data Electronically

From HIC (SA)

- Notification of ABN and HIC Reference IDs for tax treatment Purposes.

- Changes or additions to existing notifications of ABN and HIC Reference IDs for tax treatment Purposes.

- 90 Day Pay Doctor Cheques Scheme Application Form

PIP Office (also in SA – not sure if same office or not)

- Part G form “Additional or new Practitioner Details” for inclusion in PIP calculations for the Practice.

- SIP registration** for payments direct to the Providers for specific services over and above the fee for service payment.

From DVA (local)

- Agreement to continue as a Registered Local Medical Officer.

From ACIR

- ACIR Payment account details for Immunisation Providers.

ATO Tax file number declaration form if new doctor is to be paid salary or wages.

If the Doctor is new to the state they have to register with the state Medical Council or Registration Board, and if they are completely new, they have to apply to the Pharmaceutical Branch of the HIC for a Prescriber number.

The following activities which have been raised by other members of the AAPM Board and which may, or may not fall within the guidelines of the Commissions charter include.

Registration of doctors with State Government WorkCover instrumentality (eg, QLD & Vic)

Arranging visiting rights for the doctors at the local hospitals.

Arrangements for downloading of patient data from Pathology Companies and Imaging Companies.

After Hours Service registration and documentation (necessary for Accreditation).

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