



Australian Government

Department of Health and Ageing

Dear Divisions Network Member

DATA PACKAGE TO ASSIST DIVISIONS WITH PERFORMANCE INDICATOR REPORTING FOR FEBRUARY 2006

I am writing to provide you with a data package to assist in reporting against the relevant associated National Performance Indicators in the six-month progress report due on 15 February 2006. This follows my letter of 19 December 2005 in which a summary of the provision of the required data and data resources was provided.

Data, Data Resources and Timelines

The data, data resources and intended delivery dates is attached (Table One) together with the guide to Divisions and State Based Organisations (SBOs) in determining which National Performance Indicators require reporting against in the first Six-Month Progress Report (Table Two).

In order to report against the National Performance Indicators, members of the Divisions network require data in the areas of residential aged care, diabetes and mental health.

The Department of Health and Ageing made a commitment to source and disseminate this data, and have compiled an easy to use data package that will assist the Divisions network to report against the following indicators:

- N_RES 1.1
- N_RES 3.1
- N_DIA 3.1*
- N_MNH 2.1
- N_MNH 3.1*

* Note: Divisions are not required to report on these indicators in the first six-month report. Data relevant to these indicators has been included in the data package for information purposes only.

Data Package

This data package is comprised of two components:

1. A *Microsoft Word* document which describes how to use the data, and includes examples that demonstrate the reporting of data within the tables provided in the Planning and Reporting Pro forma; and
2. A *Microsoft Excel* workbook (as an Appendix) that contains the actual data. Each performance indicator has a separate data table (which is provided on a separate worksheet).

Completion of Six-Month Progress Report

In order to assist the completion of the Six-Month Progress Report due on 15 February 2006, Divisions should:

1. Refer to the Multi-Program Funding Agreement (MPA) or Transitional Funding Agreement (TFA) as appropriate, including all schedules and any relevant variations.
2. Use the modified version of your Annual Plan in the National Planning and Reporting Pro forma. This was provided to you by the Primary Health Care Research and Information Service (PHCRIS) on 20 December 2005.
3. Refer to the Future Directions toolkit via the link provided, noting the updated section of November 2005. This can also be located at:
<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/Publishing.nsf/Content/health-pcd-programs-divisions-rictoolkit.htm> .
4. Utilise the available data provided in the enclosed data package.

Feedback and Support

As the National Quality and Performance System (NQPS) is a system under development, the department would appreciate feedback regarding the usefulness of the data package. This feedback can be provided on the Feedback Page of the Planning and Reporting Pro forma (the final page), under the heading *Any Other Information*. Feedback provided will be used to inform the format and data content for future data packages.

If you have any questions regarding the data package please contact your State or Territory Liaison Officer.

Yours sincerely

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Authorised for electronic transmission

Table One: Update on the provision of data and data resources to the Divisions Network, current at December 2005

Data and/or data resource	Description	Expected delivery date	Method of delivery
<i>Future Directions DVD on National Performance Indicators</i>	All members of the Divisions Network should have received this DVD which provides an overview of the National Quality and Performance System.	Mailed 28 October 2005	Mailed directly to Divisions Network members
Updates to <i>Future Directions: Your Toolkit for Implementation</i>	All members of the Divisions Network should have received updated pages of the <i>Future Directions</i> Toolkit.	Mailed 17 November 2005	Mailed directly to Divisions Network members
Standard survey questions N_RES 2.1 N_RES 2.2 N_RES 4.1 N_INT 2.1 N_INT 2.2 N_DIA 2.1 N_DIA 4.1 N_DIA 4.2 N_MNH 2.2 N_MNH 4.1 N_ASM 2.1 N_ASM 2.2 N_IMM 2.3 N_LAL (SBO) 1.3 N_INT (SBO) 1.1	A number of the National Performance Indicators require Divisions and SBOs to collect information from GPs and/or practices in relation to diabetes, mental health, asthma, immunisation, residential aged care and GP/hospital integration. The Centre of General Practice Integration Studies (CGPIS) has developed and piloted a set of standardised survey questions to assist Divisions and SBOs to report on these performance indicators. However, further work is required to refine the set of questions, and the department is unable to provide these resources within the timeframe previously advised. The department is committed to making these available to the Divisions Network in sufficient time to ensure inclusion in the 2005-06 12 Month Reports.	Early 2006	Mailed directly to Divisions Network members
Population estimates for diabetes and mental health N_DIA 3.1 N_DIA (SBO) 3.1 N_MNH 3.1 N_MNH (SBO) 3.1	Divisions and SBOs require population estimates for diabetes and mental health in reporting against the National Performance Indicators. At this stage more work is required to develop the population estimates for diabetes and mental health. It is anticipated that the diabetes and mental health population estimates will be made available early in 2006 to ensure inclusion in all 2005-06 12 Month Reports.	Early 2006	Mailed directly to Divisions Network members

<p>Medicare Australia Data sourced via department data holdings</p> <p>N_RES 1.1 N_RES 3.1 N_RES (SBO) 3.1 N_DIA 3.1 N_DIA (SBO) 3.1 N_MNH 2.1 N_MNH 3.1 N_MNH (SBO) 3.1</p>	<p>Divisions of General Practice and SBOs require Medicare Australia data to report against the National Performance Indicators in the areas of diabetes, mental health and aged care. The department will provide this information to the Divisions Network twice a year to enable them to report on their performance indicators in the 6 month and 12 month reports.</p>	<p>January 2006</p>	<p><i>Enclosed in this letter</i></p>
<p>Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) data</p> <p>N_IMM 2.1 N_IMM 2.2 N_IMM 3.1 N_IMM (SBO) 3.1</p>	<p>Divisions of General Practice and SBOs require ACIR data to report on immunisation. The department is investigating options for the provision of standardised data for immunisation and can advise that this data will not be sourced in time for the six month report. Divisions and SBOs will need to utilise their existing access to ACIR reports to provide the data source for these indicators.</p> <p>The limitations of the use of this data for this reporting process are acknowledged by the department. The department will continue to investigate longer term options to improve the provision of immunisation data for performance indicator reporting.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>Division Network members to utilise existing ACIR reports.</p> <p>Advice on the process for accessing these reports is provided at Attachment A.</p>

Table Two (a) Summary of data resource availability and ability of Divisions to report against National Performance Indicators in the Six-Month Progress Report due 15 February 2006

(Note: shading used to highlight indicators not able to be reported/not required to be reported)

National Performance Indicator	Data resources required	Status of provision	Performance Indicator able or required to be reported against in 2005-06 Six-Month Progress Report
<i>Governance Indicators</i>			
N_PIC 1.1 (compulsory)	Nil		YES
N_PIC 1.2 (compulsory)	Nil		YES
N_PIC 1.3 (compulsory)	Nil		YES
N_PIC 1.4 (compulsory)	Nil		YES
N_EEE 1.1 (compulsory)	Nil		YES
N_EEE 1.2 (compulsory)	Nil		YES
N_FCR 1.1 (compulsory)	Nil		YES
N_FCR 1.2 (compulsory)	Nil		YES
<i>Program Indicators</i>			
IMMUNISATION			
N_IMM 1.1 (compulsory)	Nil		YES
N_IMM 1.2 (compulsory)	Nil		YES
N_IMM 2.1 (compulsory)	Immunisation data from the ACIR	Divisions to utilise their ACIR 034A report as data source	YES
N_IMM 2.2 (compulsory)	Immunisation data from the ACIR	Divisions to utilise their ACIR 032A report as data source	YES
N_IMM 2.3 (compulsory)	Answers to standard survey questions (ACIR data not available)	Standard questions not yet available	NOT REQUIRED (but may be reported against if possible)
N_IMM 3.1 (compulsory)	Immunisation data from the ACIR	Divisions to utilise their ACIR 032A report as data source	YES
RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE			
N_RES 1.1 (compulsory)	Total number of RACFs in Division area	Due to be supplied by January 2006	YES
N_RES 1.2 (compulsory)	Nil		YES

N_RES 1.3*	Nil		NOT REQUIRED (12-Month report only)
N_RES 2.1	Answers to standard survey questions	Standard questions not yet available	NOT REQUIRED (but may be reported against if possible)
N_RES 2.2	Answers to standard survey questions	Standard questions not yet available	NOT REQUIRED (but may be reported against if possible)
N_RES 3.1 (compulsory)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicare Australia data: Number of MBS claims for GP consultations in RACFs (item numbers 92, 93, 95, 96); CMAs (item number 712); RMMRs (item number 903), by GPs practicing in the Division's area Number of Commonwealth-funded RACF beds within the Division in the past 12 months 	Due to be supplied by January 2006	YES
N_RES 4.1*	Answers to standard survey questions	Standard questions not yet available	NOT REQUIRED (12-Month report only)
GP/HOSPITAL INTEGRATION			
N_INT 1.1 (compulsory)	Nil		YES
N_INT 1.2*	Nil		NOT REQUIRED (12-Month report only)
N_INT 2.1*	Answers to standard survey questions	Standard questions not yet available	NOT REQUIRED (12-Month report only)
N_INT 2.2*	Answers to standard survey questions	Standard questions not yet available	NOT REQUIRED (12-Month report only)
DIABETES			
N_DIA 1.1 (compulsory)	Nil		YES
N_DIA 1.2 (compulsory)	Nil		YES
N_DIA 1.3*	Nil		NOT REQUIRED (12-Month report only)
N_DIA 1.4	Nil		YES
N_DIA 1.5 (compulsory)	Nil		YES

N_DIA 2.1 (compulsory)	Answers to standard survey questions	Standard questions not yet available	NOT REQUIRED (but may be reported against if possible)
N_DIA 3.1 (compulsory)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicare data: Number of SIPs claims made by GPs practicing in the Division area in the past 12 months population estimates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicare data due to supplied by January 2006 Diabetes population estimates not yet available 	NO (do not report)
N_DIA 4.1	Answers to standard survey questions	Standard questions not yet available	NOT REQUIRED (but may be reported against if possible)
N_DIA 4.2	Answers to standard survey questions	Standard questions not yet available	NOT REQUIRED (but may be reported against if possible)
MENTAL HEALTH			
N_MNH 1.1 (compulsory)	Nil		YES
N_MNH 1.2 (compulsory)	Nil		YES
N_MNH 1.3*	Nil		NOT REQUIRED (12-Month report only)
N_MNH 1.4	Nil		YES
N_MNH 1.5 (compulsory)	Nil		YES
N_MNH 2.1	Number of GPs in the Division registered to claim for completing 3-step mental health plans.	Due to be supplied by January 2006	YES
N_MNH 2.2 (compulsory)	Answers to standard survey questions	Standard questions not yet available	NOT REQUIRED (but may be reported against if possible)
N_MNH 3.1 (compulsory)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicare data: Number of 3-Step Mental Health Plans completed. Item numbers Group A18 or A19 - Subgroup 4 - Completion of 3 step MH process - items: 2574, 2575, 2577, 2578; items: 2704, 2705, 2707, 2708 Population estimates for mental health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicare data due to supplied by January 2006 Mental Health population estimates not yet available 	NO (do not report)
N_MNH 4.1*	Answers to standard survey questions	Standard questions not yet available	NOT REQUIRED (12-Month report only)

ASTHMA			
N_ASM 1.1 (compulsory)	Nil		YES
N_ASM 1.2 (compulsory)	Nil		YES
N_ASM 1.3*	Nil		NOT REQUIRED (12-Month report only)
N_ASM 1.4	Nil		YES
N_ASM 1.5 (compulsory)	Nil		YES
N_ASM 2.1 (compulsory)	Answers to standard survey questions	Standard questions not yet available	NOT REQUIRED (but may be reported against if possible)
N_ASM 2.2*	Answers to standard survey questions	Standard questions not yet available	NOT REQUIRED (12-Month report only)
N_ASM 3.1 (compulsory)	Nil		YES
N_ASM 4.1	Nil		YES

* The latest update of the 'technical details' sections of the National Quality and Performance system toolkit sets out the required timing of reporting for each indicator. As listed in these details, some indicators do not have a six-month reporting requirement and are only required to be reported annually.

Table Two (b) Summary of data resource requirements and ability of State Based Organisations (SBOs) to report against National Performance Indicators in the Six-Month Progress Report due 15 February 2006

(Note: shading used to highlight indicators not able to be reported/not required to be reported)

National Performance Indicator (all compulsory)	Data resources required	Status of provision	Performance Indicator able or required to be reported against in 2005-06 Six-Month Progress Report
<i>Governance Indicators</i>			
N_PIC 1.1	Nil		YES
N_PIC 1.2	Nil		YES
N_PIC 1.3	Nil		YES
N_PIC 1.4	Nil		YES
N_EEE (SBO) 1.1	Nil		YES
N_EEE (SBO) 1.2	Nil		YES
N_EEE (SBO) 1.3	Nil		YES
N_FCR 1.1	Nil		YES
N_FCR 1.2	Nil		YES
<i>Program Indicators</i>			
N_DSD 1.1	Performance scores	To be provided by January 2006	YES
N_INT (SBO) 1.1	Answers to standard survey questions	Standard survey questions not yet available	NOT REQUIRED (but may be reported against if possible)
N_DIA (SBO) 3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Population Estimates for diabetes (CGPIS) Medicare Australia data: Number of service incentive payments (SIPs) made to GPs practicing in the state or territory 	Medicare data to be provided by January 2006. Diabetes population estimates not yet available	NO (do not report against)
N_MNH (SBO) 3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Population Estimates for mental health (CGPIS) Medicare data: Number of 3-Step Mental Health Plans completed. Item numbers Group A18 or A19 - Subgroup 4 - Completion of 3 step MH process - items: 2574, 2575, 2577, 2578; items: 2704, 2705, 2707, 2708. 	Medicare data to be provided by January 2006. Mental health population estimates not yet available	NO (do not report against)
N_DSD 1.2	Number of Divisions accredited or registered	SBO held data	YES
N_LAL 1.1	Nil		YES

National Performance Indicator (all compulsory)	Data resources required	Status of provision	Performance Indicator able or required to be reported against in 2005-06 Six-Month Progress Report
N_IMM (SBO) 3.1	Average childhood immunisation coverage rate for each Division	SBO to utilise their ACIR 032A report as data source	YES
N_RES (SBO) 3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicare data: Number of MBS claims for GP consultations in RACFs (item numbers 92, 93, 95, 96); CMAs (item number 712); RMMRs (item number 903), by GPs practicing in the Division's area Number of Commonwealth-funded RACF beds within the state or territory in the past 12 months 	Medicare data to be provided by January 2006. RACF bed numbers to be provided by January 2006	YES
N_LAL 1.2	Nil		YES
N_LAL 1.3*	Answers to standard survey questions	Standard questions not yet available	NOT REQUIRED (*12-Month report only)
N_LAL 1.4	Nil		YES

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