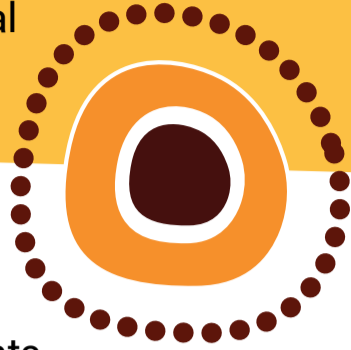


Transitioning existing Indigenous Health Incentive (IHI) registered patients to lifetime registration

IHI registration is changing

From 1 January 2025, the Practice Incentives Program (PIP) IHI patient registration will move from annual registration to lifetime registration.



Do I need to re-register my existing patients?

No, from 1 November 2024 until 31 January 2025, Services Australia will identify all patients who have a 2024 IHI registration through to 31 December 2024 and will allocate a lifetime registration to these patients.

Your practice will only need to register new patients or previous patients who may not have registered in 2024.

How can I tell if my patient has lifetime registration?

The patient's lifetime registration record will have a registration status of **Registered** and an end date of **Nil**.

Search for a registered patient (refer to the [Search for a patient registered at your practice in the PIP IHI infographic](#)).

What will be different?

There will be no patient registration payment for lifetime registration.

Under a lifetime registration a patient will remain registered unless:

- they withdraw from the program (refer to the [Withdraw a patient from the PIP IHI infographic](#))
- they turn 16 and have not provided their own consent to remain registered (refer to the [Update consent for patients turning 15 IHI patient registration infographic](#)).

Registrations will not be backdated to the beginning of the year.

Under a lifetime registration the date a patient provides consent to be registered in IHI will determine the start of their lifetime registration:

- a date of consent in 2024 will have a lifetime registration start date of 1 January 2025.
- a date of consent from 2025 onwards will have a lifetime registration start date the same as the date of consent. For example, a date of consent of 10 April 2025 will have a registration start date of 10 April 2025.

Breaks in a patient's registration may impact assessment periods and outcome payment assessments.

