



Funding Agreement

Enhanced Primary Care – MBS Items

April 2000

Funding Agreement between
<<DIVISION NAME>>
and
General Practice Divisions - Victoria Ltd
for the provision of
Education and Support to GP's to encourage the use of the
Enhanced Primary Care - MBS Items

Preamble:

The implementation Goals set by Department Health and Aged Care (DH&AC) for the Enhanced Primary Care (EPC) Education Program are;

- To achieve better health care and health outcomes for the elderly, older indigenous Australians and those with complex care needs by enhancing the opportunity for multidisciplinary care through effective use of the new primary health care items.
- To ensure that by the Year 2002, every GP will have had the opportunity to undertake education associated with the new EPC Medicare items and will be providing a quality and evidence based service based on the approved guidelines and standards associated with the use of the items.

The EPC MBS items represent an opportunity for GPs to change the way they work with other service providers and to become involved in preventative health. Divisions will have a major role in enabling their members to take advantage of the opportunity and GPDV will support divisions in this role.

The purpose of the funding allocated to divisions for the Education and Support for GPs regarding EPC-MBS items is to allow divisions to integrate the usage of the EPC items within existing divisional programs and to coordinate the delivery of education sessions.

There is an opportunity to link the development of protocols with local agencies through the Primary Care Partnership (PCP) Alliances. The PCP Alliances can provide the structure at the local level for the development of arrangements for the implementation of the new items with other service providers.

The Agreement:

The «Division_Name» agree that over the period 1/4/00 to 31/12/01 we will undertake the following activities:

Program Activities:

- Inform and disseminate information to GP practice staff of the new items and other elements of the Enhanced Primary Care Package.
- Disseminate to GPs and practice staff copies of assessment tools, care plan, and case conference formats that meet RACGP standards.
- Provide training to GPs in assessment, case conferencing and care-planning that are in line with adult learning principles, and that comply with the approved standards and guidelines developed by RACGP.
- Co-ordinate the implementation of the Divisions chosen model of Training.
- Facilitate GP participation in the local implementation of other elements of the EPC package where required.
- Facilitate dissemination of information about the new MBS items to local health service providers, local relevant consumer groups and the local community.
- Develop arrangements with local health providers re working cooperatively with GPs on assessment, care-planning and/or case conferencing to prevent duplication and facilitate appropriate use of the items.
- Develop and implement mechanisms to evaluate the take up of the new items. Facilitate GP members' involvement in the evaluation.

Reporting Requirements:

To enable GPDV to complete reporting requirements for DHAC the division agrees to provide the following information to GPDV on a quarterly basis:

- The information and/or education that has been provided to whom, by what method.
- Comment on local barriers and enablers to effective use of the items.
- Comment on support provided by GPDV-what is useful, what is not, and what is still needed.

Payment

To provide Education and Support to GP's to encourage the use of the Enhanced Primary Care – MBS Items according to the responsibilities detailed in this agreement GPDV has allocated «Division_Name» «Total_Funding».

This payment will be provided according to the following schedule of payments dependant on GPDV receiving funding from the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Schedule of Payments

15 April 2000	50% Upon GPDV's receipt of signed agreement	<1 st Payment>
30 October 2000	20% Upon GPDV's receipt of agreed reporting information	<2 nd Payment>
30 January 2001	25% Upon GPDV's receipt of agreed reporting information	<3 rd Payment>
30 January 2002	5% Upon GPDV's receipt of all agreed reporting information	<4 th Payment>

Financial Reports

The division will provide GPDV with an audited financial report on these funds at the time when the division audits its block grant at the end of each financial year.

Agreement

The <DIVISION> chooses model «Model».

<Description of model chosen>

Signed for and on behalf of:

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General Practice Divisions – Victoria Ltd

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