

# SUMMARY OF AFTER HOURS INCENTIVE

## After Hours Incentive

For PIP the complete after hours period is:

- outside 8 am to 6 pm weekdays
- outside 8 am to 12 noon on Saturdays, and
- all day on Sundays and public holidays

The complete after hours period is broken into:

- sociable after hours period – 6 pm to 11 pm weeknights
- unsociable after hours period – 11 pm to 8 am weekdays, hours outside of 8 am and 12 noon Saturdays, and all day Sundays and public holidays

## Cooperative arrangements

For the purposes of the PIP, an after hours cooperative is defined as general practices working together to provide care to patients outside the normal opening hours of their practices. General Practitioners (GPs) from the participating practices must provide all of the care for the cooperative.

## Payments and eligibility requirements of the PIP After Hours Incentive

Payment level and amount	After hours period	Care provider
<a href="#">Level 1 Participation</a> \$1 per SWPE	Complete after hours period	Formal arrangements in place with other providers, including Medical Deputising Services, to ensure access for practice patients.
<a href="#">Level 2 Sociable after hours cooperative coverage</a> \$4 per SWPE	Sociable after hours period	Participating general practice in cooperative arrangement, including minimum hourly participation requirements.
	Unsociable after hours period	Formal arrangements in place with other providers, including Medical Deputising Services, to ensure access for practice patients.
<a href="#">Level 3 Sociable after hours practice coverage</a> \$5.50 per SWPE	Sociable after hours period	Participating general practice.
	Unsociable after hours period	Formal arrangements in place with other providers, including Medical Deputising Services, to ensure access for practice patients.
<a href="#">Level 4 Complete after hours cooperative coverage</a> \$5.50 per SWPE	Complete after hours period	Participating general practice in cooperative with other general practices, including minimum hourly participation requirements.
<a href="#">Level 5 Complete after hours practice coverage</a> \$11 per SWPE	Complete after hours period	Participating general practice.

## Minimum levels of care requirements

Average annual SWPE level of practice	Minimum number of GP hours that must be provided to the cooperative – <a href="#">Level 2</a>	Minimum number of GP hours that must be provided to the cooperative – <a href="#">Level 4</a>
0 to 2,000	5 hours per week	18 hours per week
2,001 to 5,000	10 hours per week	36 hours per week
5,001 and above	15 hours per week	54 hours per week

*To be eligible for these incentives all practice must also ensure that the after hours arrangements are effectively communicated to patients and employees and register the arrangements in the National Health Service Directory. To be eligible for this payment, arrangements must be outlined in a formal document which is agreed to and signed by both parties. This document must be produced for auditing purposes where required.*