



Information for practices applying for first-time accreditation under Stage II of the Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Scheme (from 1 July 2010)

The Minister for Health and Ageing has appointed Quality in Practice (QIP) as an approved accreditor who will be pleased to facilitate your accreditation under Stage II Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Scheme.

QIP has friendly, experienced staff and up to the minute systems to ensure your pathway to accreditation is worry free, uncomplicated and successful.

Background

Stage I of the Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Scheme commenced in 2008, where practices providing radiology imaging services needed to be accredited to provide Medicare funded diagnostic imaging services. From 1 July 2010, the Stage II Scheme commenced and includes practices providing non-radiology services such as cardiac ultrasound and angiography; obstetric and gynaecological ultrasound; and nuclear medicine imaging services.

Practices providing diagnostic imaging services must be accredited under Stage II of the scheme in order for benefits to be applicable under Medicare. Until you achieve accreditation, your practice is obligated to inform patients that their services cannot be claimed through Medicare and the reason why.

How do I apply for accreditation?

To establish Medicare eligibility for your diagnostic imaging services, you will need to be awarded Entry level or Full Suite accreditation by an approved accreditor such as Quality in Practice. Apply now using our simple online application form at www.qip.com.au, or call QIP on **1300 888 329** for assistance.

QIP will confirm receipt of your details within two business days and you will be allocated a dedicated consultant who will provide you with ongoing support and friendly assistance throughout the accreditation process.

QIP will forward an application pack to your practice which includes all the resources and information needed to start the online self-assessment process using *AccreditationPro* – QIP's paperless accreditation tool.

What is the difference between Entry level and Full suite of standards?

The Entry level standards consist of only three standards. This accreditation pathway is likely to be quicker than Full Suite accreditation and the fees are lower. However, Entry Level accreditation is only valid for two years. Before it expires, your practice must achieve accreditation against the Full Suite of standards.

Choosing to accredit against the Full Suite of standards will require compliance with 15 standards which is more time consuming and costly. However, accreditation is valid for four years and does not require additional accreditation within this date.

Contact QIP today

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Who is Quality in Practice?

Quality in Practice Pty Ltd (QIP) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Australian General Practice Accreditation Limited (AGPAL), Australia's leading provider of accreditation services to general practice.

QIP has been an approved provider of accreditation services to diagnostic imaging practices since the Scheme's inception in 2008. During this time QIP has established a reputation for providing uncomplicated, friendly service supported by up to the minute systems and easy to use resources.

Why Choose QIP as my accreditation provider?

QIP is the preferred accreditation provider for members of the Australian Diagnostic Imaging Association (ADIA). We have streamlined the accreditation process and have the flexibility to meet your needs. As a QIP client, you will receive ongoing support and guidance for accreditation.

Further information

Additional information is provided by the Department of Health and Ageing in the booklet *The Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Scheme for practices*

providing radiology and non-radiology services under Medicare.

Access to these resources and further information is available from the Department of Health and Ageing www.diagnosticimaging.health.gov.au

QIP Accreditation Process

Quality in Practice has streamlined the accreditation process for your practice to achieve accreditation in the easiest and most straightforward way. Take note of the key actions below to make sure your practice meets legislative requirements.

Practices applying for first-time accreditation

