



Information for practices with deemed 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 is pleased to facilitate your accreditation under Stage II of the 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.

What do I need to do?

Practices with deemed accreditation can continue to provide Medicare funded diagnostic imaging services while working towards accreditation under the Stage II Scheme.

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*.

To continue to provide Medicare funded diagnostic imaging services after 30 June 2011, your practice will need to achieve accreditation against *either* the Entry level or Full suite of standards.

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

Practices with deemed accreditation can choose to be accredited against either the Entry Level standards or Full Suite of standards within the Department of Health and Ageing's Practice Accreditation Standards 2nd edition.

The Entry level standards consist of only three standards. This accreditation 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 requires 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.

Transferring to QIP

Transferring to QIP is a quick and easy process that is free of charge. Transfer at www.qip.com.au and we will confirm the transfer within 2 business days.

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Further information

Additional information is provided by the Department of Health and Ageing in the brochure 'Deemed accreditation' for providers of non-radiology services and 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.

The diagram below outlines the accreditation process and the key accreditation dates for your practice.

Practices with deemed accreditation

