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## The Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program

General Practices are able to receive monthly payments when they engage an accredited mental health nurse to assist in managing community based patients with severe mental disorders. A once only establishment payment is also available.

There are very specific criteria about the requirements for:

- ◆ the eligible organisations
- ◆ the mental health nurse and
- ◆ the eligibility of patients for this program.

Eligible organisations are required to lodge a completed application form with Medicare Australia. If the application is successful, a letter of acceptance and a claim form will be issued to the organisation.

For information about this program and to access application forms, go to the Medicare website [www.medicareaustralia.gov.au](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au) and type in Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program in the search box (or try [www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/incentives/mhnip/index.jsp](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/incentives/mhnip/index.jsp))

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