

MORE DOCTORS FOR RURAL AUSTRALIA PROGRAM (MDRAP) SUPPORT PROGRAM

The MDRAP Support Package (the Package) has been introduced into the MDRAP Guidelines from 1 July 2021.

The Package aims to enhance the implementation of MDRAP by providing funds to support supervision and education for MDRAP doctors.

There are 2 components of the Package:

1. Supervision Funds

2. Learning & Development Funds

1. SUPERVISION SUPPORT PACKAGE

Practices engaging a doctor on MDRAP may be eligible for payment(s) to offset the costs of orientation to the Practice and supervision if required.

1.1. Eligibility

- The Practice enters into an agreement with Health Workforce Queensland to meet the supervision requirements of the MDRAP doctor. If the doctor is already under supervision through AHPRA, then this takes precedence.
- The Practice provides Health Workforce Queensland with evidence of general practice accreditation or makes a commitment to work towards general practice accreditation.
- Supervision reports (as set out in the Supervision agreement) are submitted within 4 weeks of the supervision period.
- Supervisors have met the requirements and responsibilities set out in the Supervision agreement.
- Eligible placements may be supported with an Orientation payment per member payable to the practice at the conclusion of the first month in the first placement on the program.

1.2. Payments

- Supervision Package payments will be based on the completion of the first month Orientation and/or at the level of supervision required and the length of time set out in the supervision agreement dependant on the MDRAP category approved.
- Payments will be made quarterly while the MDRAP doctor is under supervision. This includes if the MDRAP doctor is under AHPRA supervision requirements or those required under the MDRAP Program.
- Health Workforce Queensland will contact the Practice each quarter to obtain a Supervision update or formal report (as required) and the payment amount will be calculated. The Practice will confirm by correspondence the supervision is continuing. Payments will be made into a nominated Practice bank account.

2. LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT FUNDS

Doctors enrolled on MDRAP may be eligible to access learning and development funds to be competitive in selection for a college pathway. They may access fully, or partially subsidised clinical learning and development opportunities as identified in their individual MDRAP Plan for Professional Development, lodged with their MDRAP Application* or based on emerging community need.

2.1. Eligibility

- Doctor must engage with Health Workforce Queensland to develop the plan to identify individual learning priorities to support community needs and individual skill development. The plan will include the mandatory MDRAP foundation modules.
- Doctor is currently enrolled and meeting the requirements of the MDRAP.
- Claim must be made within 3 months of the training.
- Members must be current on the program to make a claim.
- MDRAP Foundations of General Practice Training Modules:
- The foundation modules are a mandatory requirement of participation on MDRAP. The doctor must complete the MDRAP Foundation modules provided by either the RACGP or ACRRM within 6 months of commencing on MDRAP.
- The requirement to complete some of the modules can be waived if evidence the doctor has a current pass for one of the College Fellowship exams/assessments is provided.

2.2. Payments

- All learning and development package payments will be paid by reimbursement to the doctor.
- Maximum funding of \$13,600 per participant is available, this includes a maximum of \$500 for the foundation modules.
- Reimbursement is available for learning and development courses as outlined in the learning and development plan approved up to the maximum funds available.
- Reimbursements will only be made on submission of a payment claim form with evidence of
- payment (paid tax invoice) and completion of the course (certificate of completion/attainment) uploaded/submitted