PIP QI Data Submission Options

This table outlines the two options for general practices to submit the Practice Incentives Program Quality Improvement (PIP QI) eligible data set to North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network (NWMPHN).

Option	Details	Quality improvement software	Who is responsible for data submission?	What is required of practice?	Cost	Further information
Option 1: Submit full data set using POLAR	✓ NWMPHN-funded POLAR license. ✓ De-identified data can be extracted automatically (on an agreed schedule). ✓ Practice shares their entire de-identified data set to NWMPHN.	License includes: • POLAR: localised data analysis quality improvement activities • 'Hummingbird' scheduler: "Set and forget" (with your consent) mechanism which automates the data sharing process • Walrus: customisable tool that sits on top of clinical software and provides prompts about a visiting patient's missing or incomplete data, including MBS items, PIP QI measures, and risk score information.	PHN will ensure that data is received quarterly. Any issues with data submission will be followed up by NWMPHN/ Outcome Health.	Practice is required to: 1) Sign a Data Sharing Agreement 2) Complete an appointment with Outcome Health to install Hummingbird extraction tool.	Nil cost to practice.	POLAR – POLAR overview

Option 2: Submit aggregated PIP eligible data set (JSON file) manually via POLAR portal	✓ Manual submission: practice extracts a JSON file (aggregated PIP eligible data set - 10 measures only) from their clinical system and submits this file to NWMPHN via the POLAR portal.	License includes: • Access to POLAR Portal for JSON file submission	Practice is responsible for extracting JSON files from their clinical system (in the correct format) and submitting these files quarterly via the POLAR portal. PHN will ensure that data is received quarterly. Any issues with data submission will be followed up by NWMPHN/Outcome Health.	Practice is required to: 1) Sign a Data Sharing Agreement 2) Extract a JSON file in the required format and submit JSON file to POLAR portal on a quarterly basis.	Nil cost to practice.	JSON file specifications

Other useful documents:

- PIP QI Benchmark Reports – detailed overview
- PIP QI Factsheet
- PIP QI User guide for general practices