

## QUALITY USE OF MEDICINES GRANT AGREEMENT WORKPLAN ACTIVITIES FY2020-21

Activities / Programs	Program Goal	Total Program Costs FY2020-21
Operational Services and Governance	To ensure required levels of transparency, efficiency and accountability in the execution of responsibilities as stewards of quality use of medicines in Australia through focused management of the Grant Agreement.	\$5,958,593
QUM Health Technologies Topic Selection	<p>To drive quality use of medicines and health technologies across the Australian healthcare landscape and improve health outcomes through the identification of QUM priority areas for stewardship and future programs and activities that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address areas of unmet need</li> <li>• Are evidence based</li> <li>• Aim to reduce medication misuse and improve health literacy</li> <li>• Have potential to contribute to health system efficiencies including the MBS and PBS</li> <li>• Support a collaborative and collective impact approach</li> </ul>	\$451,809
Quality Use of Medicines Support for Remote Area Aboriginal Health Service (RAAHS) program	To ensure a safe and effective QUM approach to the provision of medicines to residents of remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities under the RAAHS program.	\$91,363
Clinical Intervention Advisory Group (CIAG)	<p>The Clinical Intervention Advisory Group (CIAG) supports NPS MedicineWise to deliver against Grant Agreement objectives through the provision of strategic advice on potential and current Quality Use of Medicines (QUM) Grant programs, products and services in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that QUM programs address unmet needs as identified through engagement with the relevant stakeholders</li> <li>• Improve medicine and medical test decisions by health professionals and/or consumers</li> <li>• Ensure that NPS MedicineWise is able to deliver innovative approaches to program delivery.</li> </ul>	\$100,766
Asthma Educational Program	<p>Improve the diagnosis and management of people with asthma in Australian primary care</p> <p>Improve health literacy of target audience as it relates to asthma management</p> <p>Reduce misuse of medicines and other health technologies as relates to asthma management.</p>	\$1,960,282

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	Deliver PBS savings as relates to relevant asthma medications in line with program objectives.	
Opioids Educational Program	<p>To improve quality use of opioids and reduce harms for Australians with chronic non-cancer pain (CNCP) who are managed in primary care.</p> <p>Improved health literacy as relates to opioid use.</p> <p><b>Deliver PBS savings as relates to relevant opioid medicines in line with program objectives.</b></p>	\$1,061,535
Psychotropics in Aged Care	To improve the management of behavioural and psychological symptoms (BPSD) of dementia in people aged $\geq 65$ years.	3,382,599
Imaging for Lower Gastrointestinal Disorders	<p>To improve quality use of imaging for Australians with lower gastrointestinal disorders who are managed in primary care.</p> <p>Reduce the misuse of imaging as relates to lower gastrointestinal disorders.</p> <p>Provide independent, evidence-based information, behaviour change initiatives and education services on quality use of medicines and diagnostics.</p> <p>Deliver MBS savings as relates to use of imaging for lower gastro-intestinal disorders in line with program objectives.</p>	\$47,191
Good Medicine Better Health program	<p>To improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Practitioners' (including Remote Area Aboriginal Health Services (RAAHS) workers) knowledge, skills and access to resources in quality use of medicines (QUM)</p> <p>Provide education that builds the competency and confidence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers (AHW) and Practitioners in the quality use of medicines and medical tests.</p> <p>Enable access to best resources to improve medicines literacy of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.</p>	\$212,402
National Prescribing Curriculum (NPC)	This program aims to improve health literacy and medication confidence among undergraduate and early-career health professionals as relates to QUM principles through building improved health literacy and	\$187,409

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	medication confidence amongst undergraduate and early career prescribers through the ongoing support of the National Prescribing Curriculum.	
Outcomes Evaluation	<p>The Grant Agreement requires that programs and activities are evaluated in order to demonstrate impacts and outcomes that support quality use of medicines and health technologies in Australia. This work plan supports activities that will demonstrate impact of programs on activities on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Misuse of medicines and other health technologies</li> <li>○ Health Literacy as relates to Quality Use of Medicines</li> <li>○ Health and economic outcomes</li> <li>○ Sustainability of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and Medicare Benefits Schedule</li> </ul>	\$775,636
Program and Intervention Innovation	<p>To assess the effectiveness and value for money of existing interventions and program models,            Develop contemporary, evidence-based understanding of best practice behaviour change in QUM,            Utilise MedicineInsight to show the effectiveness of program interventions.</p>	\$125,366
Medication Safety Evidence Review of Risk Assessment Tools	Reduced misuse of medicines through a reduction in medicine burden for patients and related adverse medicine events.	\$67,567
MedicineWise APP	<p>To support improved health literacy and reduced medicines misuse by providing consumers with useful medicines management tools and information that support self-medicine-management, adherence, and safe use.</p> <p>Actively promote the MedicineWise app in line with recommendation 23 of The Review of the Quality Use of Medicines Program's Delivery by the National Prescribing Service Limited (NPS MedicineWise) Report (The Review).</p>	\$636,071

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Consumer Engagement Plan	Grant programs and activities are influenced by Australian consumers throughout from planning, design, and implementation, to evaluation, to improve the quality use of medicines, lower medicine misuse and build health literacy.	
Consumer Segmentation	This will contribute to improving consumer health literacy as it relates to QUM through the implementation of research to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the current status of health literacy amongst Australians</li> <li>• Inform future Grant activities</li> <li>• Support the Review of the National Medicines Policy.</li> </ul>	\$449,471
RACGP CPD Accreditation	To support improved prescriber behaviour and reduce inappropriate prescribing and use of health technologies by General Practitioners by ensuring that educational activities developed under the Grant Agreement meet registration requirements for continuing professional development.	\$40,000
Prescribing Competencies Framework	Support the judicious, safe and appropriate prescribing of medicines in Australia through sector-wide uptake of the National PCF.	\$35,464
Heart Failure	Delivery of a national educational program that aims to improve the quality use of medicines and health technologies in the management of heart failure (HF).	\$1,327,731
Choosing Wisely Australia	To promote and support a national conversation about unnecessary tests, treatments and procedures. Improve health literacy as it relates to unnecessary tests, treatments and procedures Reduce unnecessary use of tests, treatments and procedures.	\$640,809
Digital and Direct Communications Platform	To provide and support a reliable digital platform for consumers and health professionals that hosts products and services that support quality use of medicines and health technologies.	\$1,493,567

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Digital Content	<p>Ensure contemporary, high-quality and up-to-date information to support the principles of quality use of medicines (QUM)/health technologies among consumers, their carers and health professionals in the Australian context.</p> <p>Support adult learning principles for reflective learning and behaviour change.</p>	\$491,676
National Medicine Symposium	Support a national dialogue on quality use of medicines (QUM) through multi-disciplinary, multi-sectorial forums that support and promote quality use of medicines and health technologies	\$173,427
Opioids Hospital Stewardship	Reduced misuse of medicines in the hospital setting due to inappropriate prescribing of opioids.	\$47,057
Council of Therapeutic Advisory Groups (CATAG)	<p>To provide insight into key quality use of medicines issues in the acute care sector and at transitions of care.</p> <p>Reduce misuse of medicines as relates to high cost medicines use in acute care.</p> <p>Influence medication safety as medicines enter the medicines management cycle.</p>	\$132,729
MedicineInsight Maintenance	MedicineInsight continues to be a robust, valuable and trusted national primary care data set that supports provision of post market surveillance and utilisation of data.	\$2,815,904
MedicineInsight Data Linkage	To enhance the functionality of MedicineInsight to support post market surveillance activities and to support health outcome studies for evaluation of programs through data linkage to external data sets	\$306,707
MedicineInsight Data Validation	Ensure that MedicineInsight accurately reflects general practice data and to ensure production of high quality post market surveillance reports.	\$119,429
MedicineInsight Independent Review and Evaluation	Following 10 years of continual funding under the QUM Grant Agreement, an independent review and evaluation of MedicineInsight has been commissioned.	\$118,334
MedicineInsight Post Market Surveillance	Improved post-market surveillance through the provision of data insights that provide policy-makers, regulators and other government agencies with timely and useful information on use of medications and health technologies in Australia, both at the national and local level.	\$516,782

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MedicineInsight Data Collection from Specialists	To support improved post market surveillance through use of specialist prescribing insights	\$151,728
Australian Prescriber	To provide independent evidence-based information for health professionals on drugs, therapeutics and health technologies in the Australian context.	\$859,218
Communication Policy	To increase awareness of new and emerging issues relating to medicines and health technologies in order for health professionals and consumers to make evidence-based decisions about the medicines and other health technologies.	\$308,181
Review of PBS Medicines for the Drug Utilisation Sub Committee (DUSC)	To contribute to the assessment of appropriate usage of medicines listed on the PBS through the analysis of medicines usage using MBS and PBS data and MedicineInsight data (as appropriate).	\$356,253
Medicine Line Service	To improve consumer knowledge of quality use of medicines and other health technologies and promote medication safety.	\$379,469
Adverse Medicine Event Line	<p>To provide consumers with an avenue for reporting and discussing adverse experiences with medicines and provide independent, accurate and evidence-based information and improve health outcomes for consumers.</p> <p>Reporting of consumer-mediated Adverse Drug Reaction reports to the TGA to support national pharmacovigilance initiatives.</p> <p>To improve consumer knowledge of quality use of medicines and other health technologies and promote medication safety.</p>	\$195,721