Factsheet 3

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner Practice Plan

Implementation of the Practice Plan offers many key benefits:

- Enhances clarity and transparency in relation to the Health Practitioner’s Scope of Practice and work activities
- Provides a framework for clinical supervision and practice
- Provides a mechanism to identify and address areas for ongoing professional learning and development
- Facilitates continuity in the event of changes in nominated clinical supervisor for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker IPA
- Supports effective inter-disciplinary practice, where Practice Plan information is shared with other team members to enhance understanding of role and scope.

It is required that all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners have a Practice Plan in place.

This template is the approved form and must be used for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners to lawfully use scheduled medicines authorities. This template should also be used as a basis for other Practice Plans, with additional information included if locally required.

The Practice Plan includes the following:

- Individual scope of practice
- Practice restrictions or exclusions
- Referral point and process
- Practice objectives
- Clinical supervision structure and levels of supervision.
- Scope of scheduled medicines authorities to be used in the position (if applicable)
- Scope of the individual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner in supervising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner Students
- Formal agreement, endorsement, term and review commitments

Further Resources:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner Practice Plan
- Guide to the completion of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner Practice Plan