

# Integrating Pharmacists within Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services to improve Chronic Disease Management (IPAC) Core Role 1 - Medication Management Reviews



- Low HMR uptake
- ACCHSs provide few HMR referrals
- Potential for HMRs or medication management reviews conducted within the ACCHS



HMR may be inappropriate in certain circumstances...

- No fixed address
- Not opportunistic
- Culturally inappropriate
- Travel challenges
- Language barrier



- Need for visual or learning resources
- No accredited pharmacist available
- Accredited pharmacist has reached HMR cap
- Patient preference
- A HMR is not appropriate for other reasons

- Deliver holistic medication management services
- May undertake medication management reviews in alternate settings
- Able to conduct a 'Non-HMR'
- Anticipate improvement in biometric data, medication optimisation & reduction in inappropriate polypharmacy



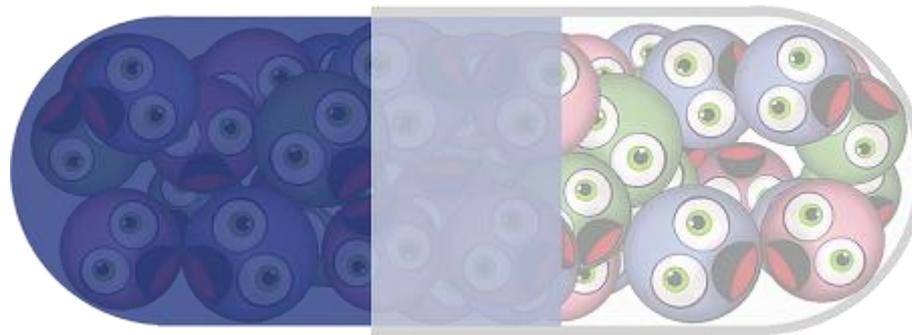
## 6CPA Program rules:

- Taking 5 or more regular medications
- Taking >12 doses of medication per day
- Significant changes made to medication treatment regimen in the last three months
- Medication with a narrow therapeutic index or medications requiring therapeutic monitoring



- Symptoms suggestive of an adverse medicine reaction
- Sub-optimal response to treatment with medicines
- Suspected non-adherence or inability to manage medication related therapeutic devices
- Patients having difficulty managing their own medicines
- Patients attending a number of different doctors
- Recent discharge from a facility/hospital (within 4 weeks)

- The patient is living in a community setting
- The patient is at risk of or experiencing medication misadventure
- Identifiable clinical need and the patient will benefit from a HMR Service



Once a patient has been identified for a HMR, the practice pharmacist:

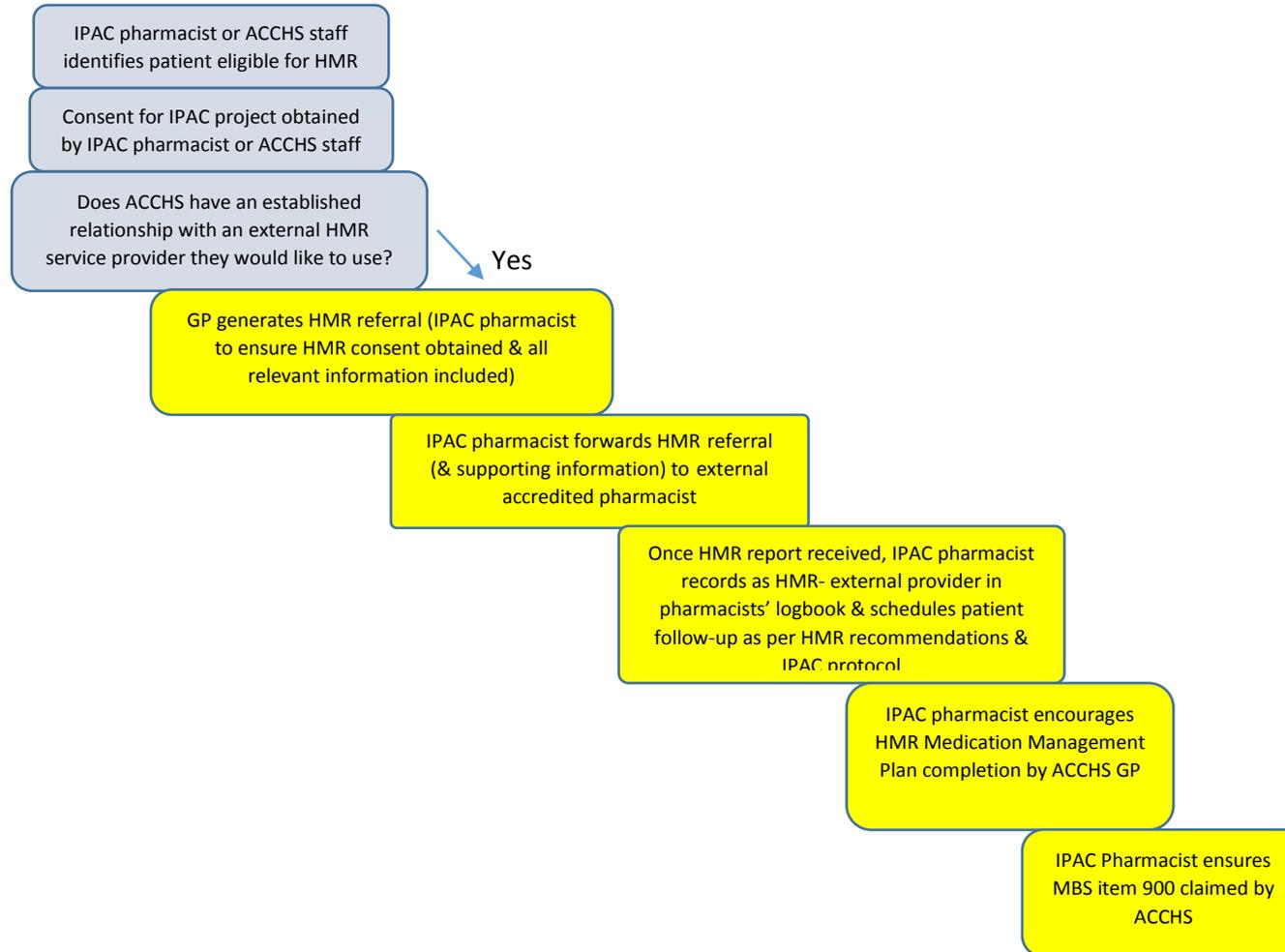
- Will initiate and facilitate the medication management review
- May refer HMR to external provider
- May personally conduct the HMR, either within or outside IPAC project hours



# If HMR has been conducted by an external pharmacist

The practice pharmacist will:

- Follow up to ensure receipt of HMR report
- Encourage GP to prepare Medication Management Plan to enable MBS item 900 claim by ACCHS
- Record details of the HMR in the pharmacists' electronic logbook
- An flagged entry in the ACCHS CIS is not required, but remember to write in patient's progress notes



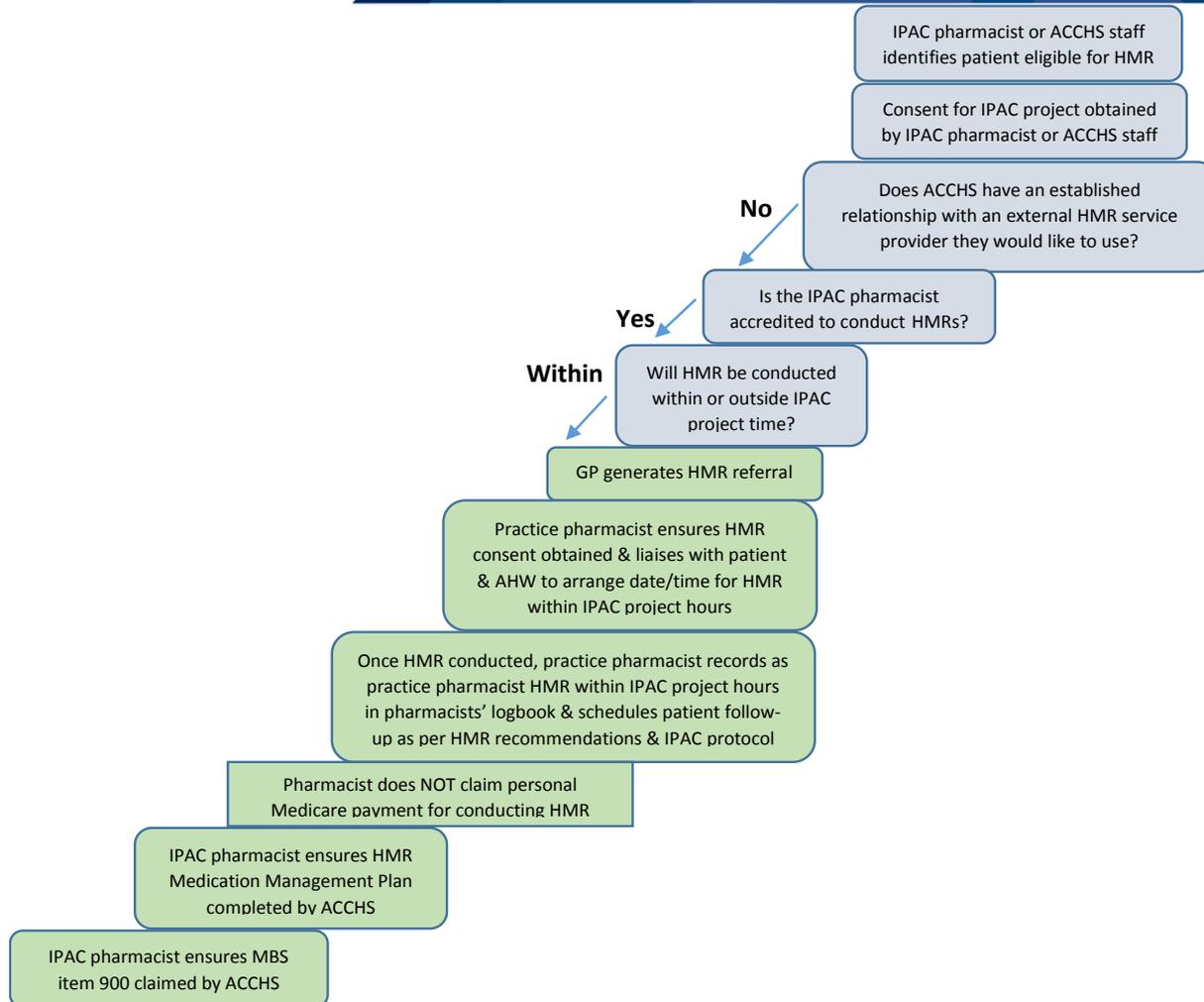
If HMR to be conducted by the  
practice pharmacist within IPAC  
project hours...

- Seek IPAC Project & consent & HMR referral
- Liaise with the patient & AHW
- Conduct HMR (must be accompanied) & provide HMR report
- Discuss recommendations with the prescriber & document in ACCHS CIS
- Record details of HMR in the pharmacists' electronic logbook
- A flagged entry in the ACCHS CIS is not required, but remember to write in progress notes

- Encourage GP to prepare Medication Management Plan to enable MBS item 900 claim by ACCHS
- Practice pharmacist will NOT claim individual payment from 6CPA
- Schedule patient follow-up
- Consider adding patient recall if necessary



# IPAC project HMR conducted by practice pharmacist within IPAC project hours

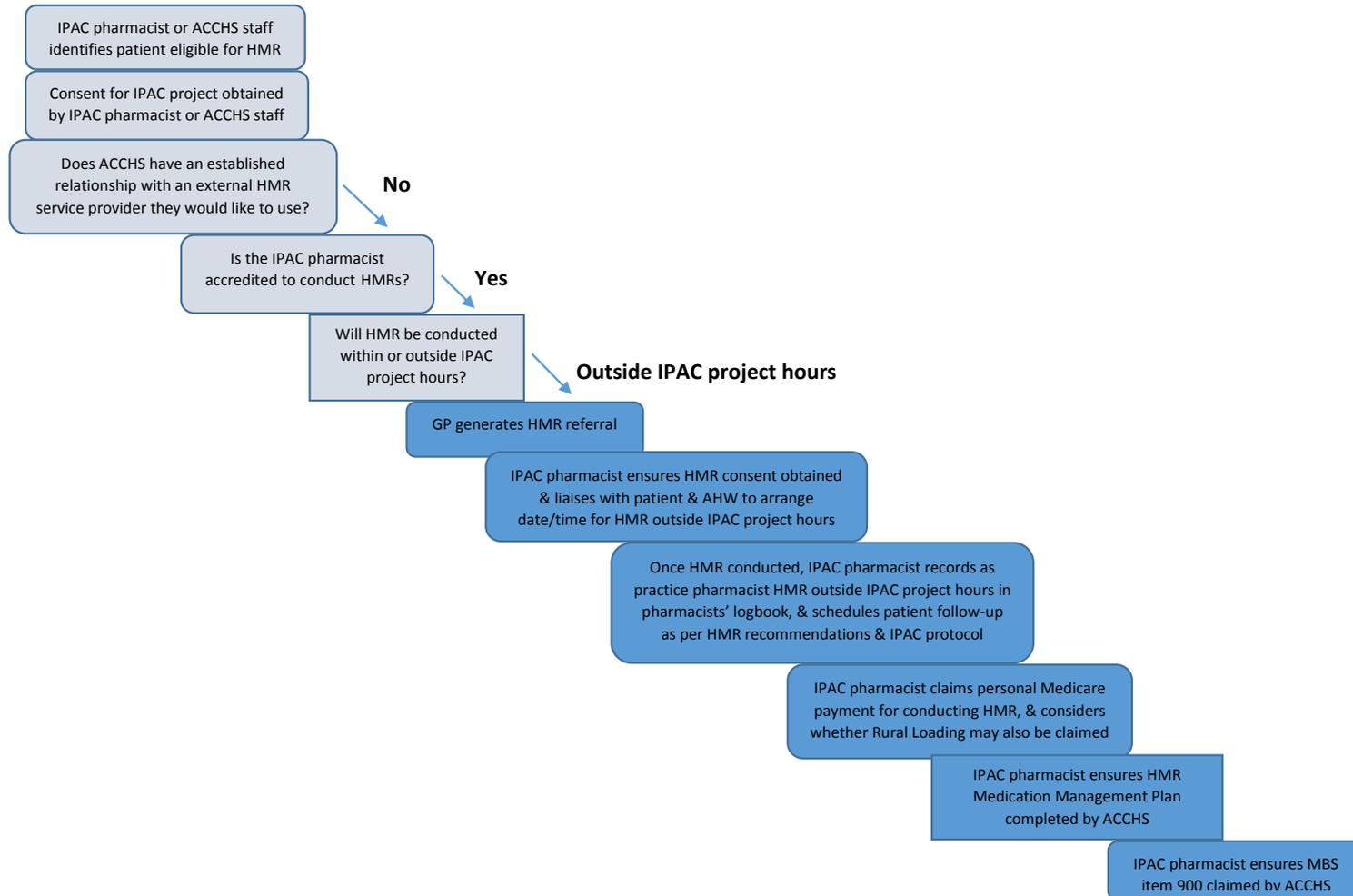


## If HMR is to be conducted by the practice pharmacist outside IPAC project hours

- Seek IPAC Project consent & HMR referral
- Liaise with the patient & AHW
- Conduct HMR & provide HMR report
- Discuss recommendations with prescriber & document in ACCHS CIS
- Record details of HMR in the pharmacists' electronic logbook
- A flagged entry in the ACCHS CIS is not required

- Encourage GP to prepare Medication Management Plan to enable MBS item 900 claim by ACCHS
- Practice pharmacist can claim individual payment from 6CPA
- Consider Rural Loading claim
- Schedule patient follow-up
- Consider adding patient recall if necessary





- Discharge from hospital after an unplanned admission in the previous 4 weeks
- Significant change to medication regimen in the past 3 months
- Change in medical condition or abilities (including falls, cognition, physical function)
- Prescription of a medicine with a narrow therapeutic index or requiring therapeutic monitoring



- Presentation of symptoms suggestive of an adverse drug reaction
- Sub-therapeutic response to therapy
- Suspected non-adherence or problems with managing medication-related devices
- Risk of, or inability to continue managing own medicines due to changes in dexterity, confusion or impaired vision



- Patient ID
- Date of HMR
- Date of data entry
- What were the reasons for choosing to do this medication review (HMR)?
- Was this HMR conducted by the practice pharmacist or an external pharmacist?
- If the HMR was conducted by an external pharmacist, what was the reason for referring this HMR to an external pharmacist?
- If the HMR was conducted by an external pharmacist, what assistance did you provide to this pharmacist?

- If the HMR was conducted by the practice pharmacist, was this HMR conducted within or outside IPAC service hours?
- If the HMR was conducted by the practice pharmacist, what was the time taken to complete the HMR?
- Was there a prescribing omission for this patient?
- List the medication-related problems identified from this HMR
- After completing the HMR, what were the recommendations?



- After completing the HMR, were the recommendations discussed with the prescriber?
- What recommendations were agreed?
- What recommendations were rejected?
- Is the HMR complete?
- Did the practice generate MBS item 900 for this service?



- Comprises some or all the elements of a HMR
- Allows for an opportunistic medication review
- Does not require a referral
- If clinical need exists, may be considered for patients ineligible for HMR...



- Project pharmacist is not accredited & no available external HMR provider
- HMR capping of 20/month has been reached
- The patient does not meet criteria for repeat HMR
- Patient preference
- The patient is at risk of forgoing a HMR if not conducted opportunistically

- Home visit is culturally inappropriate
- Travel challenge
- Language communication barrier
- Need for visual or learning resources
- A HMR is not appropriate for other reasons...



- An interactive face-to-face or telehealth interview
- Collection of patient-specific data
- Compilation of a comprehensive medication profile
- Assessment of the medication profile to identify medication-related problems
- Conduct Assessment of Underutilisation (AOU)

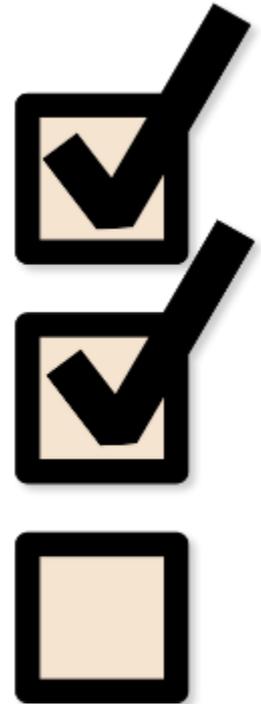


- Prioritising a list of medication-related problems
- Recommendations made & documented in the ACCHS CIS
- A formal HMR report is not required
- Recommendations discussed with the prescriber

- Patient ID
- Date of Non-HMR
- Date of data entry
- What were the reasons for choosing to do this medication review (Non-HMR)?
- At what location was the Non-HMR conducted?
- What was/were the reason(s) for choosing a Non-HMR over a HMR
- Was there a prescribing omission for this patient?



- Check that all criteria for the Non-HMR have been completed
- List of medication-related problems identified from this Non-HMR
- After completing the Non-HMR, what were your recommendations?
- After completing the Non-HMR were your recommendations discussed with the prescriber?
- Is your Non-HMR complete?
- Pop-up reminder to record Non-HMR in CIS
- Time taken to complete the Non-HMR

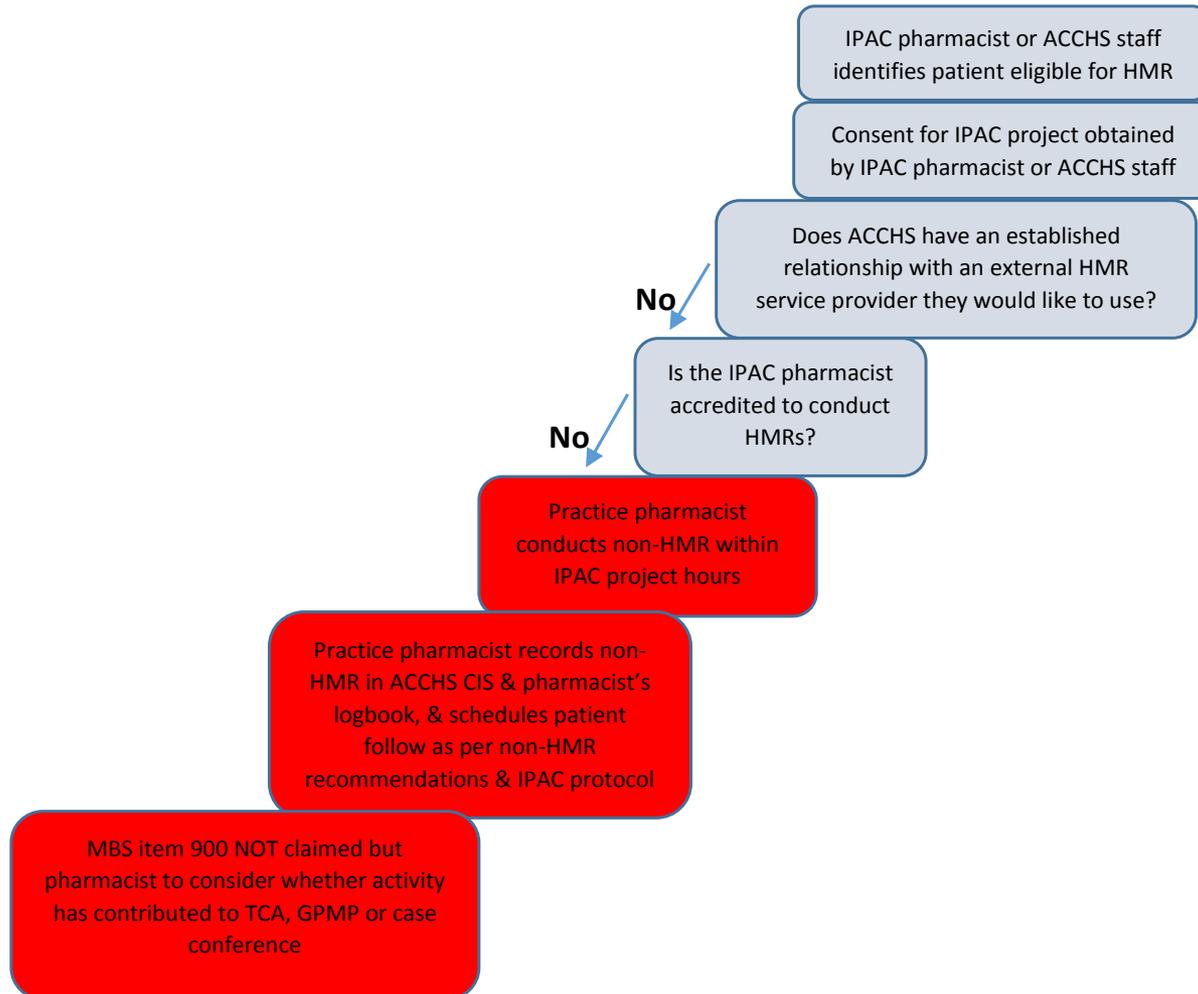


- Pop-up reminder will appear in logbook to prompt recording of 'Non-HMR' in ACCHS CIS
- Use code 'Non-HMR', as per the Procedures for Communicare & Best Practice
- GRHANITE will extract 'Non-HMR' code data from CIS for evaluation

- Practice pharmacist cannot claim personal Medicare payment
- ACCHS cannot claim MBS item 900
- BUT consider whether the Non-HMR may have contributed to other MBS-claimable items
- GRHANITE will extract data measures of health service utilization directly from the ACCHS CIS

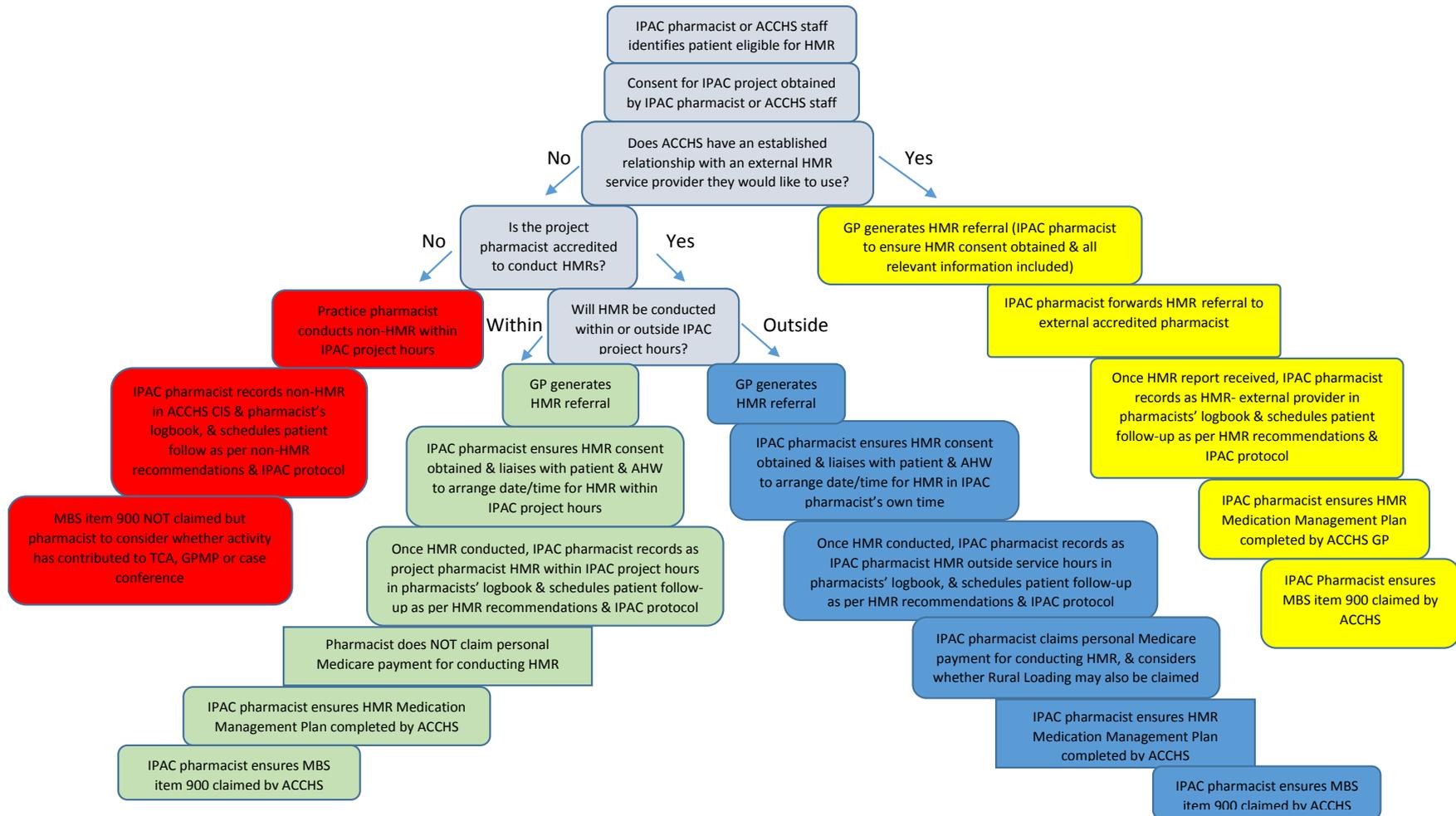


# IPAC project Non-HMR conducted by practice pharmacist



- Reinforcement of advice and recommendations
- Monitoring the impact of actions arising from the HMR or Non-HMR
- Assessment of the need for future pharmacist activity

- Is the follow-up to a HMR or Non-HMR
- Patient ID
- Date of follow-up
- Date of data entry
- At what location was the follow-up conducted?
- What did the follow-up include?
- After completing the follow-up, were your recommendations discussed with the prescriber?
- Time taken to complete the follow-up



*“PSA is the peak national body for pharmacists”*

Thank you!