

Public Register – Data matching activities

The Chief Executive Medicare is required to establish and maintain a Public Register of the kinds of information data matched for a permitted purpose under Part VIIIA of the [National Health Act 1953](#) (National Health Act). This version of the Public Register records data matching undertaken by the Chief Executive Medicare delegates within the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (DoHDA), or Commonwealth entities authorised by delegates in DoHDA to data match on behalf of the Chief Executive Medicare, for permitted purposes (in the case of DoHDA, Medicare provider compliance purposes).

The Public Register is completed during or after a data match and itemises and describes the compliance data matching projects being conducted by the Department of Health in accordance with the National Health Act and the associated [National Health \(Data-matching\) Principles 2020](#). The Data Matching Notice provides further information about the compliance data matching overall.

Section 132A of the National Health Act provides that data matching may be undertaken for any of the following permitted purposes:

- a) identifying whether a person may have, under a Medicare program, claimed or been paid a benefit that exceeds the amount of the benefit that was payable to the person;
- b) recovering overpayments of benefits under a Medicare program;
- c) detecting or investigating contraventions of a law of the Commonwealth relating to a Medicare program;
- d) detecting or investigating whether a person may have engaged in inappropriate practice;
- e) analysing services, benefits, programs or facilities that are provided for under a Medicare program, in connection with the purposes mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d);
- f) educating healthcare providers about Medicare program requirements.

| Data Matching reference number and Program name | Data matching description | Description of data to be matched including data type and dataset | Source entities of data (if any) | Authorised Commonwealth Matching Entity (if not Health) | Legislated Permitted Purpose(s) | Other |
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| DM20/21-001 Practice Incentives Program eHealth Incentive (ePIP) Compliance Program | Health matches information to identify practices ineligible for the eHealth Practice Incentive Program under the eHealth Incentive Guidelines. This match addresses both pre-payment and post-payment compliance. | A summary of the number and timing of Shared Health Summary uploads for the practices who have applied for payment under the eHealth Practice Incentive Program from the Shared Health Summary dataset. | Australian Digital Health Agency (ADHA) | N/A | Permitted purposes (a), (b), (c), (e), (f). | Matching will be ongoing quarterly for 12 months from February 2021 to February 2022. |
| | | The target number of uploads for each practice, the incentive amounts paid to each practice and the contact details and Healthcare Provider Identifier Organisation number of practices from the ePIP dataset. | Services Australia | | | |
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| DM001-000 Practice Incentives Program eHealth Incentive (ePIP) Compliance Program (renewal) | Health matches information to identify practices ineligible for the eHealth Practice Incentive Program under the eHealth Incentive Guidelines. This match addresses both pre-payment and post-payment compliance. | A summary of the number and timing of Shared Health Summary uploads for the practices who have applied for payment under the eHealth Practice Incentive Program from the Shared Health Summary dataset. | Australian Digital Health Agency (ADHA) | N/A | Permitted purposes (a), (b), (c), (e), (f). | Matching will be ongoing quarterly for 36 months from February 2024. |
| | | The target number of uploads for each practice, the incentive amounts paid to each practice and the contact details and Healthcare Provider Identifier Organisation number of practices from the ePIP dataset. | Services Australia | | | |
| DM20/21-002 Potential inappropriate prescribing of PBS-listed psychotropics in residential aged care facilities | Data matching to enable the Department to write to providers who are high prescribers of psychotropic medicines to residents of aged care facilities. This is the second stage of the activity following a letter sent by the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) to such providers in 2019. | Patient identification information from the System for the Payment of Aged Residential Care (SPARC) dataset. | Department of Health and Aged Care | N/A | Permitted Purpose under s 132A of the National Health Act 1953: (f) educating healthcare providers about Medicare program requirements. | This Program is a one-off activity. |
| | | Patient identification information from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme lookup table dataset. | Services Australia | | | |
| | | Script information and prescriber information, relating to the quantity of prescribing target psychotropic medications, from the PBS script lookup table database. | Services Australia and the Department of Health and Aged Care | | | |
| DM20/21-003 Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) & Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Claims Information | This matching program is required to identify potential inappropriate practice, incorrect claiming, and fraudulent activity. This may be done by determining eligibility for a benefit under one program, where eligibility for that benefit is dependent upon services provided under the other program | MBS claims information from the MBS claims dataset, including information about the nature and frequency of the provision of certain MBS services from MBS lookup tables and patient identification information. | Services Australia | N/A | Permitted purposes (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) | Matching will be ongoing for 12 months from June 2021 |
| | | PBS claims information from the PBS claims dataset, including approved pharmacist and PBS prescriber information, and information about the prescribing and supply of PBS medicines. | Services Australia | | | |

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| DM20/21-004 Home Affairs Passenger Movement Records | Data matching to enable the Department to identify instances where a provider may have incorrectly or inappropriately claimed a Medicare benefit service while the provider or patient was outside of Australia. This program matches the dates of MBS claims made by providers to passenger movement records to confirm if a provider or patient was outside of Australia at the time the claim was made | MBS claims information from the MBS claims dataset comprising provider or patient name, date of birth, gender, and date of service. | Services Australia | Department of Home Affairs | Permitted purposes: (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) | Matching will be ongoing for 12 months from August 2021. |
| | | Department of Home Affairs' passenger movement records passenger name, date of birth, gender, and date of arrival and/or departure. | Department of Home Affairs | | | |
| DM21/22-003 Home Affairs Passenger Movement Records (renewal) | Data Matching to enable the Department to identify instances where a provider may have incorrectly or inappropriately claimed a Medicare benefit service while the provider or patient was outside of Australia. This program matches the dates of MBS claims made by providers to passenger movement records to confirm if a provider or patient was outside of Australia at the time of the claim. | MBS claims information from the MBS claims dataset comprising provider or patient name, date of birth, gender, and date of service. | Services Australia | Department of Home Affairs | Permitted purposes (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) | Matching will be ongoing for 24 months from August 2022. |
| | | Department of Home Affairs' passenger movement records passenger name, date of birth, gender, and date of arrival and/or departure. | Department of Home Affairs | | | |
| DM24/25-001 Home Affairs Passenger Movement Records (renewal) | Data Matching to enable the Department to identify instances where a provider may have incorrectly or inappropriately claimed a Medicare benefit service while the provider or patient was outside of Australia. This program matches the dates of MBS claims made by providers to passenger movement records to confirm if a provider or patient was outside of Australia at the time of the claim. | MBS claims information from the MBS claims dataset comprising provider or patient name, date of birth, gender, and date of service. | Services Australia | Department of Home Affairs | Permitted purposes (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) | Matching will be ongoing for 24 months from August 2024. |
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| DM21/22-002 Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) & Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Claims Information | This matching program is required to identify potential inappropriate practice, incorrect claiming, and fraudulent activity. This may be done by determining eligibility for a benefit under one program, | MBS claims information from the MBS claims dataset, including information about the nature and frequency of the provision of certain MBS services from MBS lookup tables and patient identification information. | Services Australia | N/A | Permitted purposes (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) | Matching will be ongoing for 36 months from June 2022. |

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| | where eligibility for that benefit is dependent upon services provided under the other program. | PBS claims information from the PBS claims dataset, including approved pharmacist and PBS prescriber information, and information about the prescribing and supply of PBS medicines. | Services Australia | | | |
| DM25-001 Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Claims Information (renewal) | This matching program is required to identify potential inappropriate practice, incorrect claiming and fraudulent activity. For example, this may be done by determining eligibility for a benefit under one program, where eligibility for that program is dependent upon services provided under the other program. | MBS claims information from the MBS claims dataset, including information about the nature and frequency of the provision of certain MBS services from MBS lookup tables and patient identification information | Services Australia | Not applicable | Permitted purposes (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) | Matching will be ongoing for 36 months from June 2025. |
| | | PBS claims information from the PBS claims dataset, including approved pharmacist and PBS prescriber information, patient identification information and information about the prescribing and supply of PBS medicines. | Services Australia | | | |

Note: some information may not be included on the public register if precluded by legislation. For example, the authorised Commonwealth entity may not be named if the matching is not an act or practice to which the [Privacy Act 1988](#) applies. Individuals providing information for matching, or matching as delegates of the Chief Executive Medicare, will also not be named.