

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, or Commonwealth entities authorised by delegates in the Department of Health to data match on behalf of the Chief Executive Medicare, for permitted purposes (in the case of the Department of Health, 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.

DM reference number and program name	Data matching description	Description of data to be matched including data type and dataset	Authorised Commonwealth Matching Entity (if not Health)	Source Entities of data (if any)	Legislated Permitted Purpose(s)	Other
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 of Shared Health Summary uploads for the practices who have applied for payment under the eHealth Practice Incentive Program is matched against the target number of uploads for each practice. No My Health Record data/information is accessed for this activity.		Australian Digital Health Agency Services Australia	Permitted purposes (a), (b), (c), (e), (f).	Matching will be ongoing quarterly for 12 months from November 2020 to October 2021.

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.