

Medicare Locals

Securing the next step for Divisions of General Practice



Medicare Locals represent the next step in the evolution of the Divisions of General Practice Network. KPMG brings significant insights and skills to help divisions claim this important space.

Medicare Locals are a new form of primary health care organisation. As Divisions establish Medicare Locals, you will be faced with difficult and sensitive decisions about your operations, programs and services, structures, workforce and finances.

A critical step will be developing functional partnerships with key stakeholders to agree your Medicare Local's governance and financial model. Re-design of systems, processes and organisational structures that incorporate flexibility and capacity will be required. Insight into change management, business performance, and clinical governance systems will also be essential.

KPMG has been working closely with the Australian General Practice Network and the Department of Health and Ageing on the National Health Reform Agenda for the last 18 months. We understand your operating environment, Medicare Locals and health reform agenda.

How we can help you succeed

Our Advisory practice incorporates health, business performance, governance and risk management, IT and financial expertise in a single service offering. We can assist Divisions with each critical step in your transition from helping you with your bid (pre-transition), establishing operations and expanding your Medical Local into a fully functional primary health care organisation.

Pre-transition

We are able to:

- Facilitate local partnerships to agree on governance and financial arrangements
- Support the development of your transition strategy and submission
- Perform due diligence on financial, regulatory and operational processes

Establishment

We are able to:

- Advise on governance and organisation structures, stakeholder facilitation and member options – including roadmaps for implementation
- Provide a change management strategy to minimise performance risks and embed change
- Undertake financial modelling including financial model development, risk review and specific decision analysis
- Develop and implement an operational risk management framework
- Develop workforce planning and scenario modelling

Embedding

We are able to:

- Develop models for population health planning
- Assess and develop an IT strategy to monitor and manage unique technology risks in an appropriate governance framework

- Review your business to identify and eliminate redundant activities, streamline procedures, enhance timelines, resolve bottlenecks and identify processes that cause errors or surprises
- Provide taxation, accounting and audit services

Why select us

Our team understand what the Australian Government is aiming to achieve from the establishment of Medicare Locals and have strong understanding of your transitional risks and options having worked with AGPN on the transition strategy. We already work with Divisions across the country and hospitals who will be important partners of Medicare Locals.

Some of our recent credentials in your industry are presented below:

Medical Locals Transition Strategy: KPMG was engaged by AGPN to develop a transition strategy and a transition plan for the implementation of Medical Locals. KPMG worked intensively with AGPN and its stakeholders to ensure that the strategy would deliver on the Government's reform agenda and would be a practical blueprint for Divisions of General Practice.

Primary Health Care Workforce: KPMG has undertaken a number of projects for the Australian Government on various workforce related matters including rural general practice workforce, nursing in general practice and community pharmacy workforce in rural areas.

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