

Enhanced Divisional Quality Use of Medicines (EDQUM) Program

“Badging of EDQUM Activities”

Purpose

To initiate discussion that will result in a common understanding among participating Divisions and key stakeholders of the badging of Divisional EDQUM activities, especially in regard to possible overlap with activities conducted under the National Prescribing Service (NPS) Divisional Facilitator program.

Background

The EDQUM program involves participating Divisions in providing additional QUM activity to that which is already being undertaken by those Divisions. Some of the scenarios for this are Divisions delivering:

1. More NPS activity without addition or change to NPS materials, staff or processes
2. More NPS based activity with some addition or change to NPS materials, staff or processes
3. Additional QUM activity completely separate to NPS material or processes but using the NPS facilitator under the 25% clause in Divisional contracts or with additional hours as funded by the Division from other funds
4. Additional QUM activity completely separate to NPS material, staff or processes

Also, when monies received from DoHA under EDQUM are applied to primary health activities, EDQUM will also see participating Divisions providing activity not necessarily of a QUM nature, but funded through the EDQUM program.

Recommendation regarding Badging of Divisional Activity as EDQUM

In order to ensure NPS integrity while providing Divisional recognition for participating in the EDQUM Program it is recommended that EDQUM badging:

- Focus on the primary care activities delivered through EDQUM funds
- Only be applied in scenario 4 (above) for additional QUM activity completely separate to NPS material, staff or processes
- Not be applied to scenarios 1 through 3 (above)

Further, it is recommended in the cases of scenarios 2 and 3 (above) that:

- NPS support and approval be obtained
- A protocol be developed by the EDQUM Steering Group
- The protocol be coordinated by ADGP
- Activity be badged as NPS
- GPs be informed that the activity is conducted as part of the EDQUM program

The following grid is suggested as a possible protocol to ensure NPS integrity while providing Divisional recognition when EDQUM activity takes place

Scenario	NPS approval required?	Follow Resource development protocol?	NPS Badging only?	EDQUM badging only?
1. More NPS activity without addition or change to NPS materials, staff or processes	✓	✓	✓	✗
2. More NPS based activity with some addition or change to NPS materials, staff or processes	✓	✓	✓	✗
3. Additional QUM activity completely separate to NPS material or processes but using the NPS facilitator under the 25% clause in Divisional contracts or with additional hours as funded by the Division from other funds	✓	✓	As agreed by Division and NPS as applicable	✗
4. Additional QUM activity completely separate to NPS material, staff or processes	✗	✗	✗	✓
5. Primary care activities funded under EDQUM	✗	✗	✗	✓

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