

mcp newsletter

January 4, 2024

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TO: FEE-FOR-SERVICE FAMILY PHYSICIANS

RE: Application Deadline Extended for Eligible Family Physicians to Apply for the Rural Community Comprehensive Care Bonus

As negotiated in the 2017-2023 Memorandum of Agreement (refer to Schedule "Q") the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association (NLMA) have introduced the new Rural Community Comprehensive Care Bonus (RCCCB).

As previously communicated in MCP Newsletter 22-23¹ applications started to be accepted from September 30, 2023, for the bonus period from September 30, 2022, to September 29, 2023. Please refer to MCP Newsletter 22-23 for additional information. An application form has been included with this newsletter for ease of reference.

Physicians now have until the revised deadline of January 31, 2024, to submit applications.

The department is currently reviewing applications already received and will be processing payment in the coming weeks.

The RCCCB replaces the now defunct FFS Family Medicine Rural Retention Bonus Program. (The FFS Rural Retention Bonus remains in place for FFS Specialists.)

The RCCCB provides \$10,000 per year to eligible physicians. That amount will be prorated, where necessary, in situations where the physician is on parental leave, retires, or enters practice partway through the bonus period. Other situations may be considered and are subject to approval by the Department of Health and Community Services and the NLMA.

Questions relating to this newsletter should be directed to <u>MedServicesPrograms@gov.nl.ca</u>.

¹ <u>https://www.gov.nl.ca/hcs/files/22-23-NEW-RURAL-COMMUNITY-COMPREHENSIVE-CARE-BONUS.pdf</u>

Rural Community Comprehensive Care Bonus Application

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From:

To:

Physician Name

Physician MCP Billing Number

This will confirm that I am a Fee-For-Service General Practitioner who practices outside of the Northeast Avalon (i.e., communities north of and including Holyrood and Witless Bay, with the exception of Bell Island). I understand that I may be contacted periodically in instances where my qualifying criteria cannot be assessed via fee codes.

Physician Contact Information (phone or email): _):

Please sign me up to receive MCP Newsletters electronically.

Physician Email:_____

Please calculate and remit my______Rural Community Comprehensive Care Bonus.

(year)

Signature

Date

Note: Application must be submitted by revised deadline of January 31, 2024.

This personal information is being collected for the purpose of facilitating payment of the Rural Community Comprehensive Care Bonus under the authority of Section 61(c) of the **Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act**. If you have any questions relating to the collection of this personal information, please contact Medical Services Division at the email provided above.



