

mcp newsletter

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TO: FEE-FOR-SERVICE FAMILY PHYSICIANS

RE: FEE-FOR-SERVICE FAMILY MEDICINE OBSTETRIC BONUS PROGRAM

The current Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) includes the provision of an Obstetrical Bonus for fee-for-service (and salaried) family physicians (FPs) who provide labour and delivery obstetrical services. Details for eligible fee-for-service family physicians seeking to apply for this bonus are below. Salaried family physicians can expect to receive relevant correspondence on this matter through their Regional Health Authority's Medical Services Division.

Eligibility

Practicing **fee-for-service** family physicians who provide obstetric services billable as fee code 80004 - Delivery, or 80014 - Attendance at labour are eligible to receive a bonus payment each year. The most recent one year period for which the bonus is payable is April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

Applying for the Bonus

The 90-day claim submission period for the last date of the one-year period will end on July 1, 2021. Eligible family physicians should submit their application (contained in this newsletter) for the bonus by August 6, 2021. Completed forms should be sent to the Medical Services Division of the Department of Health and Community Services by fax or mail:

Medical Services Division
Department of Health and Community Services
PO Box 8700,
St. John's, NL A1B 4J6
Fax: (709) 729-5238

Calculation of the Bonus

1) Calculation of the Bonus for 2020-2021:

The bonus amount for an individual physician will be calculated by multiplying the total number of normal delivery and attendance at labour codes (80004 plus 80014) paid to that physician times \$100 and adding the result to the applicable figure from the following table:

Total Units 80004 + 80014	Bonus Contribution
1-4	\$2,500
5-15	\$5,000
16-30	\$7,500
31 or more	\$10,000

Note: to align with the current MOA family physicians who assist with five deliveries will qualify for the \$5,000 bonus tier.

Example: A family physician was paid for 20 deliveries and 4 attendances at labour in the one year period. The bonus payment will be $(20 + 4) \times \$100$ plus \$7,500 = \$9,900

2) Calculation of the Bonus for 2021-2022 (unless modified during MOA negotiations)

The bonus amount for an individual fee-for-service family physician is calculated after the end of fiscal year 2021-2022 by adding the total number of eligible services and multiplying it by \$100 and adding the result to the applicable figure from the following table:

Total Number of Units (Eligible Services)	Bonus Contribution
5-15	\$5,000
16-30	\$7,500
31 or more	\$10,000

Example: A fee-for-service family physician provided 24 eligible labour and delivery services in the one-year period. The bonus payment will be $24 \times \$100$ plus \$7,500 = \$9,900.

Payment

The bonus amount will be paid by MCP as a financial adjustment beginning in September 2021. If the payment is delayed for technical reasons, it will be made on the earliest possible upcoming payment date. Applications received after August 6, 2021 will not be approved for payment

Questions relating to the content of this Newsletter should be directed to Matthew Pinsent by email at matthewpinsent@gov.nl.ca.



**APPLICATION FOR FEE-FOR-SERVICE FAMILY PHYSICIAN
OBSTETRIC BONUS**

**TO: MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
P.O. BOX 8700, ST. JOHN'S, NL A1B 4J6**

**FROM: _____
Physician Name**

Physician MCP Billing Number

This will confirm that I have submitted all my claims for fee codes 80004 and 80014 for services rendered in the most recent one year period from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

During that time I was in full time fee-for-service practice from _____
to _____

Please calculate and remit my F.P. Obstetric Bonus

Signature

Date