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TO: ALL APPLICANTS OF THE FFS PHYSICIAN WORK DISRUPTION POLICY

RE: UPDATE ON THE FINAL PAYMENTS OF THE PHYSICIAN WORK DISRUPTION POLICY

As announced on April 15, 2020 (MCP Newsletter 20-04) fee-for-service (FFS) physicians who applied, and were subsequently approved, under the Physician Work Disruption Program (PWDP) were guaranteed 80% of their average FFS payments in instances where their MCP billings were below that level. The PWDP was active for 111 days from March 18 to July 6, 2020.

Now that billing data for pay period 20-16 has been received and the 90-day submission period cut-off has lapsed, the processing of the final top-up payments will be completed.

Payment on November 4, 2020 (Pay Period 20-16):

- 80% top-up for final 26-days (June 11 to July 6) will take into consideration MCP billings with applicable service dates in pay periods 20-08 to 20-16.
- Ongoing recovery of May 20, 2020 Advance Payment:
 - **Physicians whose applications for the PWDP were received** by the Department of Health and Community Services by May 5, 2020 received a \$10,000 Advance Payment on May 20, 2020 (Pay Period 20-04).
 - **Physicians eligible for a top-up, but still carrying an outstanding balance** from the advance payment, will have their top-up retained as recovery accordingly.
 - **For physicians who continue with an outstanding balance**, regardless of their eligibility for the 80% top-up, deductions will occur directly from billings. The recovery amount from billings is limited to 20% of pay period 20-16 billings.

Payment on November 18, 2020 (Pay Period 20-17):

- The 100% “additional services” top-up will be paid to eligible physicians for the duration of time recommended by the Regional Health Authority.

- Originally anticipated to be processed in two payments (refer to MCP Newsletter 20-07), the 100% “additional services” top-up will now be a single transaction to be paid on November 18, 2020 (pay period 20-17).
- Calculation of this top-up will require deducting the 80% top-up already paid and, if necessary, any MCP billings (with applicable service dates) above a provider’s 80% earnings threshold. If a provider submitted billings above their 100% earnings threshold, they will not qualify for any top-up.
- Ongoing recovery of May 20, 2020 Advance Payment:
 - **For physicians eligible for a top-up but still carrying an outstanding balance** their top-up will be retained as recovery accordingly.
 - **For physicians with an outstanding balance**, regardless of their eligibility for the 100% top-up, deductions will occur directly from billings. The recovery amount from billings is limited to 20% of pay period 20-17 billings on November 18, 2020.

If necessary, any provider who continues to carry an outstanding balance from the May 20, 2020 advance payment will have their file transferred to the MCP Audit Services and a recovery plan will be arranged.

Links to Relevant MCP Newsletters:

- 1) “FFS Physician Work Disruption Policy for Covid-19 Pandemic Event”:
<https://www.gov.nl.ca/hcs/files/mcp-providers-mcp-newsletters-newsletter-20-04.pdf>
- 2) “Payment Plan for FFS Physicians Work Disruption Top-Ups”:
<https://www.gov.nl.ca/hcs/files/mcp-providers-mcp-newsletters-newsletter-20-07.pdf>
- 3) “Reconciliation of May 20, 2020 Advance Payment”:
<https://www.gov.nl.ca/hcs/files/mcp-providers-mcp-newsletters-newsletter-20-08.pdf>

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