

**Physician – Regional Health Authority Agreement
FFS Physician Work Disruption Program 2021**

By completing and signing this agreement, the fee-for-service (FFS) physician agrees to accept an optional payment arrangement during the Covid-19 pandemic event as defined in the “Physician Work Disruption Program 2021”.

This agreement is effective retroactively to February 15, 2021, and will remain in effect until March 31, 2021 or such time as the Department of Health and Community Services (HCS) deems that the pandemic health care delivery protocol is no longer necessary.

Forms must be completed by the physician and submitted directly to their respective Regional Health Authority’s (RHA) Director of Medical Services (refer to list on page 3). Applications are to be submitted by March 12, 2021. Retroactive payments to February 15, 2021 will not apply to applications submitted to the RHA after this date as per the Policy.

First Name		Last Name	
MCP Provider (Billing) Number (not College of Physicians and Surgeons Registration Number)			
Specialty			
Home Phone		-	
Mobile Phone		-	
Email			
Mailing Address (Street or P.O. Box)			
City/Town			
Province		Country	
Postal Code			

1. This agreement is guided by the policies and procedures set out in the Physician Work Disruption Program 2021¹.
2. Upon submission of this agreement, signed by the physician, the Regional Health Authority (RHA) will review it for completeness. This verification entitles the physician to the 80% guarantee as outlined in the Policy retroactive to February 15, 2021. If necessary, the RHA will meet with the physician to discuss any “additional services” required of the physician. As per the Policy, the physician is required to provide the RHA with information on their availability for “additional services”.
3. If at any time the physician is no longer available for “additional services”, the physician must notify the RHA and the Policy will cease to apply to the physician. It is the responsibility of the RHA to schedule the additional services and to communicate with the physician about these services.
4. If a physician seeks special consideration for no contact with Covid-19 patients, due to legitimate personal health or family circumstances, the RHA will make every effort to accommodate such requests

¹ <https://www.gov.nl.ca/hcs/files/Physician-Work-Disruption-Program-2021.pdf>

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and sign the agreement on this basis. The RHA may seek verification as appropriate. It is recognized that, depending on the requirements of the RHA, these accommodations may not be possible. In the latter circumstances, the physician must decide whether to accept the “additional services” offered or to withdraw from the program and they must notify the RHA of their decision.

5. As per sub-section 10(1) of the **Medical Care and Hospital Insurance Act**, physicians have up to 90 days to submit claims to MCP. Physicians who opt-in for payment top-up under this Policy are encouraged to submit billings in a timely fashion to allow the Department adequate opportunity to calculate, and dispense, the top-up amount.
6. The Department of Health and Community Services reserves the right to reconcile the top-up payments with the amount of a physician’s billings, by service date, during the pandemic period, or after the pandemic period. In the event of overpayments, the Department will recover the funds. Physicians may request the details of their calculation.
7. New applicants, who did **not** participate in the 2020 Physician Work Disruption Program, may identify concerns they have regarding the calculation of their average billings. Returning applicants from the 2020 Physician Work Disruption Program will have the same average applied in 2021. New applicants with an interest in having any of their previous pay periods excluded from the calculation of their average FFS earnings, must list the pay period(s) and the reason for exclusion in the text box below. This information will be reviewed by representatives from the Department of Health and Community Services and the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association. Valid reasons to review a physician’s earnings average include: an extended illness, sabbatical, maternity and parental leave, a State of Emergency snow-related closure; or other valid reasons deemed acceptable by the Department of Health and Community Services.

Physician Signature

Date Signed

RHA Signature (VP Medical Services or designate)

Date Signed

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Applications are to be submitted to the Director of Medical Services in your RHA:		
Eastern Health	Janelle Hillier	Janelle.Hillier@easternhealth.ca
Central Health	Sarah Randell	Sarah.Randell@centralhealth.nl.ca
Western Health	Gertie Mai Muise	gertiemaimuise@westernhealth.nl.ca
Labrador-Grenfell Health	Michael Jones	Michael.jones@lghealth.ca

Forms must be completed by the physician and submitted directly to the Director of Medical Services in their RHA.

Questions concerning the administration of this Policy within the Department of Health and Community Services should be forwarded to Matthew Pinsent at matthewpinsent@gov.nl.ca.