

mcp newsletter

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TO: ALL FEE FOR SERVICE PHYSICIANS

**RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT:
RETROACTIVE PAYMENTS**

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the NLMA have signed a new Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) covering the period October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2013. Retroactive payments applicable to services rendered from October 1, 2009 to March 17, 2011 will be issued this month. In accordance with the MOA, the retroactive payments for services listed in the MCP Medical Payment Schedule and for Organized Sessional Clinics will be based on the following specialty specific increases:

Specialty Group	Services Rendered October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010	Services Rendered October 1, 2010 to March 17, 2011
General Practice	10.95 %	21.90 %
Anaesthesia	4.75 %	9.50 %
Radiology	2.50 %	5.06 %
Nuclear Medicine	2.50 %	5.06 %
ICU/CCU	2.50 %	5.06 %
Dermatology	2.50 %	5.00 %
Internal Medicine	8.70 %	17.40 %
Neurology	2.50 %	5.06 %
Paediatrics	2.50 %	5.06 %
Psychiatry	7.70 %	15.40 %
Obstetrics & Gynaecology	10.50 %	21.00 %
Ophthalmology	2.50 %	5.06 %
Otolaryngology	5.15 %	10.30 %
General Surgery	5.50 %	11.00 %
Cardiac Surgery	2.50 %	5.06 %
Neurosurgery	2.50 %	5.06 %
Orthopedic Surgery	2.50 %	5.06 %
Plastic Surgery	2.50 %	5.06 %
Urology	7.00 %	14.00 %

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The retroactive payments for fee for time services will be based on the following increases:

Service	Services Rendered October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010	Services Rendered October 1, 2010 to March 17, 2011
Category "A" Emergency Department Coverage	15.52 %	31.03 %
Category "B" Emergency Department Coverage	10.95 %	21.90 %
Dedicated Time Surgical Assistance	10.95 %	21.90 %

The retroactive payments will be issued as financial adjustments by MCP on the April 7, 2011 and April 21, 2011 payment dates. The first of these payments will apply to services rendered from October 1, 2009 to March 2, 2011 while the second payment will apply to services rendered from March 3, 2011 to March 17, 2011. If the payments are delayed for technical reasons, they will be issued on the earliest possible upcoming payment date.

Future retroactive payments are planned to be made on a quarterly basis on Pay Periods 6, 13, 20 & 26, until such time as the percent increases are microallocated to specific fee codes and a revised MCP Medical Payment Schedule comes into effect.

In the interim, physicians should continue to bill for services using the rates in the April 1, 2009 MCP Medical Payment Schedule.

The parties to the MOA have agreed to implement a retention bonus program for fee for service physicians who practice outside St. John's/Mount Pearl. The bonus amount is not included with the retroactive payments but information on the process to apply will be forthcoming.

No increases are being applied to On-call payments at this time. The On-call Payment Program is funded from a separate budget and the parties to the MOA will deal with the Program and rates of payment through an upcoming comprehensive review.

Questions relating to the content of this Newsletter should be directed to the Manager of Budgeting and Monitoring at (709) 729-2113, or the Assistant Medical Director at (709) 758-1501 or the MCP office in Grand Falls-Windsor at 1-800-440-4405.