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INFORMATION FROM THE SMA

Compensation Update

SMA, Ministry, and SHA agree to temporary Pandemic Physician Services Agreements

The Saskatchewan Medical Association (SMA) is pleased to report that temporary Pandemic Physician Services Agreements have been established as an option for fee-for-service physicians during the COVID – 19 response. The Ministry of Health, the SMA, and the SHA have concluded discussions to determine rates for the agreements during the COVID-19 pandemic to allow for stability and flexibility of physician services, and facilitate redeployment of physicians (who sign contracts) as needed.

- Any fee-for-service physician working in Saskatchewan prior to the pandemic will be offered a Pandemic Physician Services Contract if they request one (e.g. full time FFS = Full-time contract).
- Existing contracts will be honored and will continue but there will be provisions for contract physicians to migrate to a Pandemic Physician Services Contract as needed

The effective date of these contracts can be April 6, 2020 and run until June 30, 2020. The basic rate for Pandemic Physician Services Contracts will be as follows:

	Weekly	Day	Half-day
Metro Family Physician	\$ 7,415.00	\$ 1,483.00	\$ 741.50
Regional Family Physician	\$ 7,785.00	\$ 1,557.00	\$ 778.50
Rural Family Physician	\$ 7,935.00	\$ 1,587.00	\$ 793.50
Specialist	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

We will have more details in tomorrow’s Practice Alert including how to apply. Stay tuned. In the meantime, we would ask fee-for-service physicians to hold your billings to MSB until you have more information regarding terms and conditions of the contract so that you can determine whether you want to exercise this option.