

# Information Sheet

## Fee-for-Service Family Physician Stabilization Payment

### *Intent*

The Ministry of Health (Ministry) and the Saskatchewan Medical Association (SMA) have a shared interest in providing stability to community-based fee-for-service (FFS) family physicians.

Payments will be provided in accordance with the eligibility and payment criteria outlined in the **Eligibility Criteria** section, on the dates identified in the **Administration of Payments** section.

### *Eligibility Criteria*

The funding is available to community-based FFS family physicians who provided In-Office billings of \$30,000 or more to Saskatchewan patients during the previous year.

- The assessment of billing submissions to determine the eligibility from the previous year is based on date of payment for the period October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.
- In-Office billings are based on location of service 1 and F only.

To receive stabilization funds, physicians must meet initial eligibility requirements identified above, and through a simple online registration process confirm that:

- They are currently licensed and providing community based FFS family medicine services in Saskatchewan; and,
- They intend to continue to provide community-based care to their patients in Saskatchewan until a new agreement is ratified.

### *Payment Criteria*

The payment amount for eligible community-based FFS family physicians is equal to 17.43% of total FFS In-Office billings for physicians who earned \$30,000 to \$229,500 during the assessment period identified above. Physicians who made over \$229,500 during the assessment period will receive \$40,000.

### *Administration of Payments*

Assuming a physician has met the eligibility and payment criteria outlined above, initial payment for those who have registered in November will be processed as of **November 30, 2023**. Processing of payments will take 10-12 days and will be deposited before the middle of month following registration. Deposits will be made automatically in accordance with your payment information as registered with the Medical Services Branch at the Ministry of Health.

### *Process to Adjudicate Exceptional Circumstances*

Physicians who were new to practicing in Saskatchewan or took leave during the billings period can apply for exceptional circumstances adjudication.