

mcp newsletter

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TO: FEE-FOR-SERVICE FAMILY PHYSICIANS**RE: FEE-FOR-SERVICE FAMILY MEDICINE OBSTETRIC BONUS PROGRAM**

The current Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) includes the provision of an Obstetrical Bonus for fee-for-service (and salaried) family physicians (FPs) who provide labour and delivery obstetrical services. Details for eligible fee-for-service family physicians seeking to apply for this bonus are below. Salaried family physicians can expect to receive relevant correspondence on this matter through the Provincial Health Authority.

Eligibility

Practicing **fee-for-service** family physicians who provide obstetric services billable as fee code 80004 - Delivery, or 80014 - Attendance at labour are eligible to receive a bonus payment each year. The most recent one-year period for which the bonus is payable is April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

Fee-for-service family physicians who charge a **sessional** fee code for their work are also eligible. In the absence of having charged fee codes specific to the eligible services, patient records must be submitted. There is a second form below specific to any services rendered on sessional time.

Calculation of the Bonus

The bonus amount for an individual fee-for-service family physician is calculated after the end of the 2024-25 fiscal year. The bonus will be calculated by multiplying the total number of eligible services by \$100 and adding the result to the applicable figure from the following table:

Total Number of Eligible Units*	Bonus Contribution
5-15	\$5,000
16-30	\$7,500
31 or more	\$10,000

*Eligible units = total number of normal delivery and attendance at labour codes (80004 and 80014) paid to that physician for the time period indicated.

Example: A family physician was paid 24 eligible labour and delivery services in the one-year period. The bonus payment will be $24 \times \$100 + \$7,500 = \$9,900$.

Applying for the Bonus

The 90 day claim submission period for the last date of the one year period will end on July 1, 2025. Eligible family physicians should submit an application (contained in this newsletter) by June 30, 2025. Completed forms should be sent to the Medical Services Division of the Department of Health and Community Services by fax (709) 729-5238 or email: MedServicesPrograms@gov.nl.ca.

Payment

The bonus amount will be paid by MCP as a financial adjustment in September 2025. If the payment is delayed for technical reasons, it will be made on the earliest possible payment date. Applications received after June 30, 2025, will not be approved for payment.

Questions relating to the content of this newsletter should be directed to MedServicesPrograms@gov.nl.ca .
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Fee-for-Service Family Physician Obstetric Bonus Application Form

Physician Name (please print): _____

Provider Number: _____

Please choose the option best describing your situation:

I have submitted all my claims for fee codes **80004** and **80014** for services rendered in the most recent one-year period from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

I charged sessional fees and will submit copies of my patient records for the eligible services as soon as they are available to me. I understand that I must submit all records for the bonus calculation by June 30, 2025, and that any records submitted after June 30, 2025 are not applicable to the bonus calculation.

I performed obstetric services billed as a mix of sessional fees and fee codes **80004** and **80014**. I will submit copies of my patient records for obstetric services rendered during sessional time, as soon as they are available to me. I understand that I must submit all records for the bonus calculation by June 30, 2025, and that any records submitted after June 30, 2025 are not applicable to the bonus calculation.

From April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025, I was in full time fee-for-service practice from:

_____ to _____

Please calculate and remit my Family Physician Obstetric Bonus

Signature **Date**

Completed applications must be sent to the Department of Health and Community Services, Medical Services Division, no later than June 30, 2025, via email at MedServicesPrograms@gov.nl.ca or fax at 709-729-5238.

This personal information is being collected for the purpose of facilitating payment of the Fee-for-Service Family Medicine Obstetric Bonus under the authority of Section 61(c) of the **Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act**. If you have any questions relating to the collection of this personal information, please contact the Medical Services Division using the contact information above.

Sessional Fee-for-Service Family Physician Obstetric Bonus Delivery Attendance Record

*Please note that this form is not required for services billed with fee codes **80004** or **80014**.*

Services Eligible

- Deliveries performed by a salaried family physician.
- Attendance at labour where the family physician manages a patient in labour, but because of complications has to transfer the patient to a specialist for delivery.

Note: A family physician who transfers a patient in labour to another physician before delivery occurs, or before complications arise that require specialist intervention, cannot use such a service for the purpose of the bonus.

Services Not Eligible

- Antenatal care.
- Surgical assistance at operative delivery.
- Any services other than those described in "Services Eligible" above.

This is to confirm that the labour and delivery of:

Patient Name (please print)

MCP Number

was attended by:

Physician Name (please print)

Provider Number

on _____
Date (Month Day, Year)

Physician Signature

Date

Completed Delivery Attendance Records must be sent to the Department of Health and Community Services, Medical Services Division, no later than June 30, 2025, via email at MedServicesPrograms@gov.nl.ca or fax at 709-729-5238.

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