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TO: ALL FEE-FOR-SERVICE PHYSICIANS

RE: CANADIAN MEDICAL PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION (CMPA) REBATE ON 2015 MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Department of Health & Community Services will be providing a subsidy to **fee-for-service** physicians who incurred an expense for CMPA membership fees in 2015. To qualify, a physician must have been in active practice at the end of the calendar year, or have retired from clinical services during the year.

Fee-for-service physicians will be reimbursed the difference between what they paid and sixty per cent of the basic General Practitioner CMPA membership fee (type of work code 35). Sixty per cent of the GP basic for 2015 ($3,156.00) equates to $1,893.60, therefore, the CMPA rebate for a General Practitioner would be $1,262.40 ($3,156.00- $1,893.60 = $1,262.40).

For example, a fee-for-service obstetrician who was in active practice on December 31, 2015 and paid a membership fee of $51,252.00 (Code 93) in 2015 will be reimbursed $49,358.40 ($51,252.00 less the $1,893.60 (0.6 x $3,156.00 basic GP Rate) = $49,358.40). In effect, all fee-for-service physicians, following receipt of their rebate, will have paid a maximum membership fee of $1,893.60.

The Department is continuing its partnership with the CMPA, so all reimbursement information will be sent to us electronically by the CMPA. **This eliminates the need for you to mail your original 2015 CMPA Acknowledgement to the Department.** Please note that additional costs incurred through payment via the instalment method are not eligible for reimbursement.

Subsidy reimbursement can be expected with the March 24, 2016 Medical Care Plan payment. If the payment is delayed for technical reasons, it will be made on the earliest subsequent payment date.

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