

New BC Payment Model

Quick Reference Guide

This short guide will help you understand the new payment model introduced by the Ministry for family physicians in British Columbia.

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When does the new payment model become available?

The payment model will be available as of February 1st, 2023. There are more details to come for the specifics of the payment model.

Why was this new model introduced?

The new payment model was introduced with the goal of stabilizing longitudinal family practice and making it sustainable for physicians.

How does the new payment model work?

No contract is required for the new payment model. In order to switch to this new model, the physician would need to bill a portal code (similar in concept to 14070). The code is yet to be determined.

Physicians will be paid through the following three categories:

Payment for Time - Physicians will be paid for the time spent doing clinic-based work like reviewing test results and writing referrals. They will be compensated \$130 per hour.

Payment for Payment Encounters / Visits - Physicians will be paid \$25 for each patient they see.

Panel Payment - Physicians will be paid on the number of patients in their panel and the complexity of those patients. They will be compensated at \$34 per attached patient per year (higher or lower based on patient complexity).

There will be more information to follow in the next year on how the panel payment will be calculated.

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How will this affect how I currently practice?

The way a physician provides their services should not change.

What does change is the way you bill on a regular basis and how you are being compensated.

Physicians will have to submit bills for the the time spent with patients and time spent doing indirect patient care.

Physicians will be compensated for their time, patient encounters and panel.

Are you eligible for this model?

To be eligible for this new payment model, physicians must satisfy the following six requirements:

1. Provide longitudinal family physicians services to a known panel of patients for a minimum of one day per week.
2. Provide both in-person and virtual care, consistent with guidance from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC.
3. Work with other physicians and healthcare providers in your community to provide care.
4. Encourage patients to participate in a provincially administered primary care survey.
5. Bill using simplified time and encounter billing codes.
6. Provide a list of your active patients to a provincial system on an annual basis.

Is this model right for you?

We can help! We can do a complimentary practice billing assessment to determine the best billing model for you.

Feel free to reach out to us anytime for any questions or inquiries you may have.

QUESTIONS?

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