



PCN Update-Overview

APRIL 12, 2021

Staffing Changes

- ▶ Sharon Mkisi – new Co Project Director and Sia Zabararas – the other co-Project Director
- ▶ Eve Taylor – new Cultural Safety Facilitator
- ▶ Kim Brown – new Attachment Coordinator
- ▶ Change Team
 - ▶ Hiring for a third change manager –interviews scheduled next week
- ▶ Island Health
 - ▶ Jodi Jantzen is PCN Clinical Director for Western Communities – start end of March
 - ▶ Jessica Johnson is PCN Clinical Director for Saanich Peninsula-start April 12
 - ▶ Project roles are vacant

Processes

- ▶ New team charting agreement template – located on PCN toolkit
- ▶ Draft Service Agreement developed and close to being finalized at Island Health

Attachment

- ▶ Trials underway and will inform mechanism processes
- ▶ Need to complete and environmental scan with the rest of the clinics to create a baseline:
 - ▶ Status of waitlists in each clinic in the community – approach, info collected, size
 - ▶ Level of interest in HCR
- ▶ Need support on how best to gather this info and with whom – physician lead? Office Manager? Lead MOA?
 - ▶ Survey
 - ▶ Email
 - ▶ Phone



Group Family Practice Development Grant- Overview

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What is the GFPD Grant?

- ▶ To help cover expenses incurred when FPs join or form a new or expanded group practice with three or more co-located FPs
- ▶ Each individual FP in the group practice can claim up to \$30,000 with a maximum combined total of \$200,000
 - ▶ E.g., if an existing group practice of 3 FPs adds an additional FP to the practice, then each of the 4 FPs may claim up to \$30,000 in eligible expenses.
- ▶ It covers eligible expenses from September 1, 2020 and March 1, 2022.
- ▶ Applications to be submitted by March 31, 2022.

Eligibility

To be eligible, family physicians, need to meet **all** of the following criteria:

- ▶ Have joined or formed a new or expanded group family practice with three or more co-located family physicians;
- ▶ Have incurred costs, between September 1, 2020 and March 1, 2022, toward consolidating the new or expanded group family practice;
- ▶ Are practicing as a Community Longitudinal Family Physician (CLFP) as defined in the GPSC Preamble.

Physicians working under Alternative Payment/Funding Models are eligible if they meet the above eligibility requirements.

Eligibility – New to Practice FPs

- ▶ New to practice FPs who meet the eligibility criteria may claim expenses
- ▶ Eligible family physicians in an existing group practice may also claim eligible expenses incurred in cases where they are adding a new family physician who is new to practice in BC.

Who is Not Eligible

FPs are not eligible if one or more of the following applies:

- ▶ Have closed their family practice prior to forming or joining a group practice, unless the physician has transferred their panel of patients to the new group practice or to another FP prior to joining the group practice
- ▶ Have moved from one group practice (three or more family physicians) to another group practice (three or more family physicians).
- ▶ Physicians who have merged two group practices may be eligible for the grant.

What Expenses can be Covered?

- ▶ Ending a lease;
- ▶ Merging/transferring medical records and software licensing fees;
- ▶ Moving or relocation to a new clinic space.
 - ▶ FPs moving or relocating need to transfer their patient panels to the new group practice or to another FP (e.g. moving expenses and costs of disposing of existing equipment/supplies); and
- ▶ Expanding or renovating clinic space - design and contracting including labour cost and permanent fixtures
 - ▶ (e.g. materials for floor and wall coverings, ceilings, partitions, electrical, plumbing, fire protection and security).

What Expenses Cannot be Claimed?

- ▶ Building a new clinic (construction of a new building is not eligible. This is different from renovating an existing building or “shell” space.)
- ▶ Building code upgrades
- ▶ Office furnishings and décor (e.g. art work)
- ▶ Capital and medical equipment (e.g. desk, telephone, computer, EMR etc.)
- ▶ Staff, consultant, or physician time or severance
- ▶ Personal moving expenses unrelated to clinic space or equipment
- ▶ Work funded through other sources
- ▶ Expenses incurred by clinic owner who is not a practicing physician at the new or expanded group practice (even if such expenses are subsequently charged to the practicing physician to recover costs)
- ▶ All expenses incurred prior to September 1, 2020 or after March 1, 2022.

How to Apply

- ▶ Online Applications are made after the new or expanded group family practice has been formed
- ▶ The group family practice will submit one online application form on behalf of the eligible FPs
 - ▶ The family practice will list expenses incurred by each doctor – individual physicians should not submit separate applications
- ▶ After submitting, you will be asked to provide receipts to verify expenses incurred.
- ▶ Payments are paid directly to the claiming physician.

Questions?

- ▶ Please contact gpsc.billing@doctorsofbc.ca to discuss your situation or assess eligibility