

INFOBulletin

Keeping health care providers informed of payment, policy or program changes

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Re: Program Changes to the Malpractice Reimbursement Program

In alignment with the Ontario Public Service Green Transformation Strategy the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) is introducing electronic, paperless communications for the Malpractice Reimbursement Program.

What has Changed?

- The ministry is announcing a program name change. Effective immediately, the Malpractice Reimbursement Program is now called the Medical Liability Protection (MLP) Reimbursement Program.
- Program information related to reimbursement of Ontario physician's medical liability protection (usually distributed annually in October) is now available on our new program webpage at:
www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/ohip/mlp/default.aspx
- There is further work to be done and cosmetic changes that will take a bit longer to implement, so check back often as we regularly update the information.
- Future mailings including application forms will no longer be delivered in hard copy. Instead, all relevant program information will be available to you, when you want it, organized in one location on the ministry site.
- The ministry is working with partners such as the Canadian Medical Protective Association (CMPA), Ontario Medical Association and the Professional Association of Internes and Residents of Ontario to post reminders on their websites in advance of important program dates and to link to the ministry MLP internet site.
- A faxed copy of your signed and completed Application for Reimbursement under the MLP Program is now acceptable and can be faxed to: (613)545-5810.

What Remains the Same?

- There are no changes to program eligibility, rules and/or requirements.
- How and when you apply, and how you are reimbursed all remain the same.
- Under payment Option C the deadline for receipt of your Application for Reimbursement of Malpractice form is June 30th. Alternatively, physicians who want to change to an automated payment option such as Option A or Option B are required to meet the January 1st deadline.
- Program information remains the same, how it's provided to physicians has changed.

What Action is Required on my Part?

- If you are already enrolled in Option A or Option B no further action is required. Future reimbursements will be automatically processed by the ministry upon receipt of confirmation of payment from the CMPA.
- Payment Option C physicians must complete an Application for Reimbursement of Malpractice Fees available on the ministry website in mid February at:
www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/ohip/mlp/forms.aspx
- Follow the instructions on the form to submit your completed application with the accompanying CMPA Acknowledgement to the ministry for reimbursement.
- Inquiries regarding CMPA membership and medical liability protection fees should be directed to Membership Services at the CMPA at 1-800-267-6522.
- Not sure which payment option you belong to? Refer to the description of our payment options on our website or use the information below to contact us via telephone.

What are the Benefits of Switching from Option C to Automated Payment Option A or Option B?

- Once registered for an automated payment option, there are no reimbursement deadlines to worry about, no need to annually submit an application for reimbursement or to provide your CMPA acknowledgement.
- Future reimbursements will be automatically processed by the ministry upon receipt of confirmation of payment from the CMPA.
- Under Option A your reimbursement is paid to you in full in the current year and there is no financial impact on you.
- In Option B your reimbursement is paid quarterly within the current year avoiding the need to wait for retroactive payment in the following year.

Requirements for Participating in Option A or Option B:

- Physicians who are eligible to benefit from the MLP Reimbursement Program must meet all the deadlines and conditions listed below to participate in either Option A or Option B.
 - Be registered for Direct Deposit with the ministry
 - Be a member of the CMPA
 - Ensure a completed Malpractice Reimbursement Participation form is received at MOHLTC no later than January 1st of the year to be reimbursed
- Once selected, the reimbursement payment option shall remain in effect until such time as a signed authorization is received to cancel and/or modify the selection.
- Physicians who are CMPA Type of Work Code 12, 13 or 14 are not eligible for Option A.

How do I Change from Payment Option C to an Automated Payment Option A or Option B?

- To change a payment option, follow the instructions on the Malpractice Reimbursement Participation form, or fax your completed form to: (613)545-5810. Once successfully processed by the ministry, no further action is required on your part. Future reimbursements will be automatically processed by the ministry upon receipt of confirmation of payment from the CMPA.

MLP Reimbursement Program Forms:

www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/ohip/mlp/forms.aspx

Form: 3256-82
Current Form Title: Application for Reimbursement of Malpractice Fees
New Form Title: Application for Reimbursement under the Medical Liability Protection (MLP) Program
Format: FILL & PRINT

Form: 3889-84
Current Form Title: Malpractice Reimbursement Participation
New Form Title: Medical Liability Protection (MLP) Reimbursement Program Authorization
Format: PAPER COPY ONLY; FILL & PRINT

Form: 7698-84
Current Form Title: Application for Direct Bank Payment
New Form Title: No name change
Format: PAPER COPY ONLY; FILL & PRINT

For additional assistance or further inquiries regarding the MLP Reimbursement Program please contact us directly via telephone. For your convenience, the ministry has a toll free number at: 1-888-805-9877. Local calls in the Kingston and surrounding area can be dialed direct at: (613) 547-0886.