

FPSC Long-term Care Grant Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the FPSC Long-Term Care Grant and who is eligible?

The grant provides a \$5000 payment to family physicians who are providing long-term care services. The grant is intended to support family physicians to maintain long-term care services until a long-term payment model is implemented for long-term care.

To be eligible for the grant, family physicians must meet all the following requirements:

- Be actively participating in the FPSC Long-Term Care Initiative (LTCI) as of January 1, 2024 and providing long-term care services according to the following best practice expectations:
 - 24/7 availability (as a collective group) and on-site attendance when required.
 - Proactive visits to residents.
 - Meaningful medication reviews.
 - Completed documentation.
 - Attendance at case conferences.
- Provide MRP care for a minimum of five long-term care beds (as individual or as group in same long-term care facility) as of January 1, 2024.
- Commit to maintaining long-term care services according to LTCI best practice expectations until March 31, 2024.

Can a group of more than one family physician apply for the grant if they work together to cover five or more long-term care beds?

A group of more than one family physician can submit an application as a group to claim a single grant of \$5000 provided that the group of physicians works together to provide MRP care for five or more long-term care beds in **the same long-term care facility** (as of January 1, 2024). In the application, the physician group must designate a single physician to receive the \$5000 grant. After receiving the grant, the physician group can distribute the grant to individual physicians based on their internal arrangements.

The name and MSP numbers of all physicians in the group must be included in the application form. All physicians in group application can only receive the grant once and will no longer be eligible for additional grants.

Are family physicians eligible for the grant if they go on temporary absence prior to March 31, 2024?

Physicians who have a temporary absence prior to March 31, 2024 but otherwise meet the eligibility requirements of the grant can claim the grant. To do so, the physician must make best efforts to arrange for another care provider to provide the same scope of practice and similar days/hours of service to their long-term care patients.

For the purpose of the grant, a temporary absence is defined as a continuous absence or non-continuous reduction in working days that is not expected to occur regularly. This would most commonly include absences related to illness, parental leave, caregiving, or military deployment. A temporary absence does not include indefinite absences such as retirement or departure from long-term care practice in BC.

What is the payment amount per eligible family physician?

The payment amount is \$5000 per eligible family physician.

How do eligible family physicians apply for the grant?

Eligible family physicians must submit an online application form to apply for the grant. The application form will require physicians to confirm that they understand and meet the requirements of the grant. Additional instructions on how to apply for the grant will be publicly communicated in December 2023.

What is the deadline for applying for grant?

Eligible family physicians must submit an online application form by February 29, 2024. In December 2023, FPSC will email information about applying for the Long-Term Care Grant to eligible family physicians.

How will the grant be paid?

After FPSC has reviewed and approved your application, Doctors of BC will send you an email confirming the payment, and then Doctors of BC will remit the payment to you in the following weeks. The payment will be remitted to the same bank account that you've linked to receive sessional payments from Doctors of BC. Please login to your Doctors of BC account (My Account > My Details > Bank Accounts) to verify that your bank account is linked.

The grant payment will not generate a tax slip. All physicians will receive a payment confirmation from Doctors of BC. Please keep the payment confirmation for your reference.

Physicians who are subject to paying GST on services through their corporations must charge GST on their sessional time. To have GST added, a completed GST Registration Designation Form is required. To obtain the form, please email us at accountspayable@doctorsofbc.ca, subject line "ATTN: Sessional GST." If your GST number is already on file with Doctors of BC, then GST will automatically be applied to your grant payment. Note that as every situation is different, we encourage physicians to discuss these payments with their accountant.

When is the grant paid?

The grant is expected to be paid to eligible family physicians in early 2024.

Can family physicians apply for the grant more than once?

Each individual family physician can only receive one grant per time period. Physicians who received the grant in 2023 (June 30 to December 31, 2023) may apply for this grant if they commit to continuing to meet the requirements of the grant from January 1 to March 31, 2024.

Are family physicians working under an Alternative Payment/Funding Model eligible?

Yes. Physicians providing long-term care services under an Alternative Payment/Funding Model are eligible provided they meet the eligibility requirements of the grant.

I have more questions about the grant. Who do I contact?

If you have questions about the grant, please contact fp.billing@doctorsofbc.ca.