

FPSC Long-Term Care Initiative Most Responsible Provider (MRP) Payment Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the FPSC Long-Term Care Initiative Most Responsible Provider (MRP) Payment?

This payment is designed to support family physicians (FPs) who provide ongoing longitudinal care to patients in long-term care facilities and are participating in the FPSC Long-Term Care Initiative (LTCI) but are not eligible for the Longitudinal Family Physician (LFP) payment model.

Beginning July 2024, family physicians can claim an amount of \$290 per year per LTCI bed, up to a maximum annual amount of \$45,000, for which they are the MRP. Physicians must be MRP for a minimum of five beds to be eligible for this payment.

To be eligible for this payment, you must meet all the following requirements:

- Not be eligible for the LFP Payment Model, as outlined in the current [LFP Payment Schedule](#).
- Actively participate in the FPSC Long-Term Care Initiative (LTCI) with your local division, including the community solution for 24/7 availability and approach to MRP coverage for the beds in the community.
- Provide long-term care services according to the following best practice expectations (BPEs):
 - 24/7 availability and on-site attendance when required
 - Proactive visits to residents
 - Meaningful medication reviews
 - Completed documentation
 - Attendance at case conferences
- Be MRP for a minimum of 5 LTCI facility-based beds.
- Not be on a service contract, salary agreement, or sessional arrangement that includes payment for facility-based LTC services.
- Meet all of the requirements of the payment and commit to continuing to meet all requirements for the duration of the payment period:
 - Payment period: July 1 - September 30, 2024
 - Payment period: October 1 - December 31, 2024
 - Payment period: January 1 - March 31, 2024

Are family physicians who are eligible for the LFP Payment Model (long-term care) but choose to remain on fee-for-service for long-term care services, eligible for this payment?

No. Family physicians, including locum physicians, who are eligible for the LFP Payment Model for long-term care but choose to remain on fee-for-service for long-term care are not eligible for this payment.

Do family physicians have to be participating in the FPSC LTCI with their local division to be eligible for the payment?

Yes. Family physicians must participate in the FPSC LTCI with their local division to be eligible for the payment, including the community solution for 24/7 availability and approach to MRP coverage for beds in the community. FPs will be required to specify the number of LTCI beds covered, and the communities/division(s) that these LTCI beds fall under. This information will be shared with the division(s) to continue facilitating a community or network approach to supporting LTCI and may be used to verify physician eligibility.



Are family physicians eligible for the payment if they go on temporary absence during the funding period?

Physicians who have a temporary absence but otherwise meet the eligibility requirements of the payment can claim it. 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 payment, 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?

Physicians will be compensated per LCTI bed for which they are the Most Responsible Provider (MRP). Each long-term care bed (minimum of five) is payable at \$290 per year or \$72.50 per payment period, up to a maximum annual amount of \$45,000 per physician.

How do eligible family physicians apply for the payment?

Eligible family physicians will receive an invitation email each payment period from fp.billing@doctorsofbc.ca with a link to an online application form and instructions on how to claim the payment. If you meet the eligibility requirements of the payment but did not receive the invitation email, please contact fp.billing@doctorsofbc.ca.

Physicians must complete the online application form to claim the payment. The application form will require physicians to confirm that they understand and meet the requirements of the payment and to provide details on the number of LTCI beds for which they are MRP for that payment period.

Can a group of more than one family physician apply for the payment 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 this payment provided that the group of physicians works together to provide MRP care for five or more LTCI beds in **the same long-term care facility** (as of July 3, 2024) and **all physicians** in the group meet the eligibility criteria.

To apply as a group, please contact fp.billing@doctorsofbc.ca to request a group application.

What is the deadline for applying for the payment?

Please refer to the table below for the deadline to submit the claim form in each quarter. Late claim form submissions will result in payments to be paid in the following quarter.

Payment installment	Claim Form Deadline
July 1 – September 30, 2024	September 20, 2024
October 1 – December 31, 2024	November 15, 2024 (for December payment remittance)
	December 13, 2024 (for January payment remittance)

January 1 – March 31, 2025

February 15, 2025

When is the payment paid?

Payments will be paid to physicians approximately six weeks after the claim form deadline. Please note that holidays and office closures may impact the exact date of payment. Late claim form submissions will result in payments paid in the following payment period.

How will the payment 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 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 payment. Note that as every situation is different, we encourage physicians to discuss these payments with their accountant.

Can family physicians apply for the payment more than once?

Each individual family physician can only receive one payment per time period. To receive each quarterly payment, physicians must submit one application form per quarter. The link to the application form will be shared with them by email.

Are family physicians providing long-term care services under a service contract, salary agreement, or sessional payments eligible?

No. Physicians providing long-term care services under a service contract, salary agreement, or sessional payments are not eligible. This payment is restricted to family physicians providing long-term care services under fee-for-service, participating in the LTCl, and who do not meet the LFP Payment Model (long-term care) eligibility criteria.

Are Nurse Practitioners (NPs) eligible for this payment?

No. Although NPs support the LTCl in several divisions, they are not eligible for this payment. The Payment for FPs not eligible for the LFP Payment Model was negotiated through Physician Master Agreement funds, which are intended for physician funding. Divisions may request an NP exemption by contacting fpscltci@doctorsofbc.ca for NP compensation for on-call availability and/or quality improvement activities.

Are family physicians eligible to bill LFP LTC locum fee codes eligible for this payment?

No. Physicians who are eligible to bill LFP LTC locum fee codes are not eligible for this payment. If you are unsure about your eligibility to bill LFP LTC locum fee codes, please contact fp.billing@doctorsofbc.ca.

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

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