

Community Longitudinal Family Physician (CLFP) Payment 2025 Frequently Asked Questions

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General

What is the FPSC Community Longitudinal Family Physician (CLFP) Payment?

The CLFP Payment is intended to value “relational continuity” by compensating for the size and complexity of the physician’s patient panel. Relational continuity is defined as “the ongoing, trusting therapeutic relationship between a patient and a primary care physician and their team, where the patient sees this primary care physician the majority of the time and results in improved health outcomes, decreased mortality, better quality of care, reduced healthcare costs, increased patient and provider satisfaction, fewer ER visits and hospital admissions.”*

The CLFP Payment is available to family physicians working under Fee-for-Service (FFS) or Alternative Payments Subsidiary Agreement Service Contracts (APSA) who meet all of the requirements of the CLFP Payment.

If I enrolled in the LFP Payment Model, am I eligible for the CLFP Payment?

Physicians who enrolled in the LFP Payment Model in 2025 are eligible for the 2025 CLFP Payment prorated by the number of days worked under fee-for-service or APSA contracts in 2025, provided they meet all the eligible requirements of the 2025 CLFP Payment.

Eligibility

Who is eligible for the 2025 CLFP Payment?

a) Family physicians who bill fee-for-service

Fee-for-service, community-based family physicians are eligible for the 2025 CLFP Payment if they:

- Have submitted and meet the requirements of the Community Longitudinal Family Physician (CLFP) Portal Code (14070) in 2025. The submission of 14070 signifies that in 2025, the physician is:
 - A community longitudinal family physician (as defined in the [FPSC Preamble](#)), with an office from which they provide in-person medical services to a known panel of patients;
 - The MRP for the majority of the patient’s longitudinal primary medical care, providing continuous comprehensive coordinated family practice services to patients, and will continue to do so for the duration of that calendar year;
 - Confirming doctor-patient relationship with existing patients through a standardized conversation or “[family physician-patient compact](#)”; and,
 - Able to produce a list of active patients for whom they are the MRP.
- Have at least 250 empanelled patients within four months of beginning practice as a community longitudinal family physician in 2025;
- Be **responsible for contributing to overhead costs** (e.g., lease, Medical Office Assistant and EMR);
- Participate in the Provincial Attachment System (PAS), including:
 - Have developed and uploaded their list of empanelled patients;
 - Commit to maintaining an accurate and current list of empanelled patients and updating their panel data as needed;

* Toward Optimized Practice. Relational Continuity - Clinical Practice Guidelines. June 2019.
<https://actt.albertadoctors.org/CPGs/Lists/CPGDocumentList/Relational-Continuity-CPG.pdf>

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- Commit to attaching suitable patients in their communities through the PAS and other means, if they have capacity to do so;
- Commit to actively updating their availability for accepting new patients; and,
- Commit to working with their clinic medical directors/staff delegates to update information on the Clinic and Provider Registry.

b) Family physicians who work under an Alternative Payments Subsidiary Agreement Service Contracts (APSA)

To be eligible for the 2025 CLFP Payment, family physicians who work under an Alternative Payments Subsidiary Agreement Service Contracts (APSA) must meet all the following requirements:

- Practice as a community longitudinal family physician (as defined in the [FPSC Preamble](#)), with an office from which they provide in-person medical services to a known panel of patients;
- Have at least 250 empanelled patients within four months of beginning practice as a community longitudinal family physician in 2025;
- Be **responsible for contributing to overhead costs** (e.g., lease, Medical Office Assistant and EMR) under an alternative payment model and not receive payment specifically for overhead (e.g., New to Practice Incentives Program overhead payment);
- Be **working under an Alternative Payments Subsidiary Agreement Service Contract (APSA) consistent with the Alternative Payment Subsidiary Agreement (e.g. GP Full-scope practice category)**
- Not receive an equivalent payment as part of their current contract; and,
- Participate in the Provincial Attachment System (PAS), including:
 - Have developed and uploaded their list of empanelled patients;
 - Commit to maintaining an accurate and current list of empanelled patients and updating their panel data as needed;
 - Commit to attaching suitable patients in their communities through the PAS and other means, if they have capacity to do so;
 - Commit to actively updating their availability for accepting new patients; and,
 - Commit to working with their clinic medical directors/staff delegates to update information on the Clinic and Provider Registry.

What changes have been made to the 2025 CLFP eligibility requirements compared to previous years?

Family physicians providing longitudinal family physician services under blended capitation, Group Contracts, 200 GP contracts are no longer eligible to receive the CLFP payment. Please contact fp.billing@doctorsofbc.ca for more information.

I permanently left (or will leave) community longitudinal family practice (e.g. retirement) in BC in 2025. Do I still need to participate in PAS to be eligible for the 2024 CLFP Payment?

Physicians who have permanently left (or will leave) community longitudinal family practice in BC in 2025 are not required to participate in the PAS to be eligible for the 2025 CLFP Payment. Such physicians may be eligible for a CLFP Payment amount prorated by the number of days they were a community longitudinal family physician under fee-for-service or applicable alternative payment/funding model in 2025.

Are physicians who are new to family practice in 2025 eligible for the CLFP Payment?

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Yes. Physicians who are newly working as a community longitudinal family physicians under fee-for-service or APSA service contracts are eligible for the CLFP Payment. In 2025, physicians who are new to family practice will receive a minimum CLFP payment of \$8000 unless their payment amount exceeds the minimum amount. Please note that physicians practicing under the New-to-Practice (NTP) contract **are not** eligible for the CLFP Payment.

As the CLFP Payment methodology (using MSOC and ACG) is based on a specific 12-month period of time, new-to-practice physicians may need to practice for up to 15 months before their CLFP Payment amount is based on a full 12 months of billing data.

Are physicians who are practicing under a New-to-Practice contract eligible for the CLFP Payment?

No. Physicians practicing under a new-to-practice (NTP) contract in 2025 are not eligible to receive the CLFP Payment as the NTP contracts offering a comparable payment to the CLFP payment (under Quality Improvement) along with a \$75,000 per year per FTE in overhead contributions from the NTP Incentives Program.

Are family physicians on temporary absence eligible for the CLFP Payment?

Physicians who take a temporary absence from their family practice can claim the CLFP Payment during their absence. In order 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 patient panel.

For the purpose of the CLFP 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. Absences related to vacation, occasional sick days, or personal days off are not included in this definition as they are expected to occur throughout the year. A temporary absence does not include indefinite absences such as retirement or departure from longitudinal family medicine in BC.

When submitting a claim form for the CLFP Payment, you will be asked to submit the start and end dates of any temporary absences that occurred during the time period being used to calculate your payment amount.

Are family physicians who provide focused practice/episodic care eligible for the CLFP Payment?

Family physicians who solely provide focused practice or episodic care do not meet the definition of a community longitudinal family physician (as defined in the [FPSC Preamble](#)) and therefore, are not eligible to receive the CLFP Payment. A family physician who provides focus practice/episodic care services in addition to community longitudinal family physician services may receive payment if they meet all the eligibility requirements of the CLFP Payment.

Are family physicians working in facilities (e.g., long-term care, hospitals) eligible for the CLFP Payment?

Family physicians who solely provide services in facilities (e.g., long-term care, hospitals) are not eligible for the CLFP Payment. A family physician who provides services in facilities in addition to office-based community longitudinal family physician services may receive payment if they meet all the eligibility requirements of the CLFP Payment.

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Are locums eligible for the CLFP Payment?

Locums are not eligible to directly receive the CLFP Payment. A locum physician and host physician may choose to enter into a private business arrangement to share the CLFP Payment; however, there is no requirement for the CLFP Payment to be shared between a locum and a host physician. When locum physicians are covering for a longer period of time, such as parental leave, we recommend that locums and host physicians discuss adjusting compensation to recognize the longer-term commitment to the patient panel.

Locums and host physicians are advised to develop formal cost sharing (overhead) agreements and/or locum agreements to clearly define and document how practice income and costs will be shared. For information about cost sharing arrangements, please see [Doctors of BC Business Pathways](#) for more resources on the business elements of medical practice, including a [Guide to Cost Sharing Agreements](#) and a [Cost Sharing Agreement template](#).

Payment logistics

How do I claim the 2025 CLFP Payment as a physician who bills fee-for-service?

Eligible physicians who bill fee-for-service must submit an online CLFP Payment Claim Form **once** per calendar year to claim the CLFP payment installments for the calendar year. **Instructions on how to claim the 2025 CLFP Payment will be sent to individual, fee-for-service physicians via email on a rolling quarterly basis, beginning January 2025.**

To access the online claim form, you will need to log in to the Doctors of BC website. If you don't have log in access, please contact benefits@doctorsofbc.ca.

If you have questions regarding the submission process of the CLFP Payment claim form, or you want the invitation email to be resent to you, please contact fp.billing@doctorsofbc.ca.

How do I claim the 2025 CLFP Payment as a physician who works under an APSA contract?

Eligible physicians working under an APSA contract must submit an online CLFP Payment Claim Form **once** per calendar year. Instructions on how to claim the 2025 CLFP Payment will be sent to individual, APSA physicians via email **in January 2026**. The 2025 CLFP Payment will be remitted by March 31, 2026 as a single lumpsum payment.

If you work concurrently under fee-for-service and an APSA contract, please expect to receive your invitation to claim the fee-for-service portion of the 2025 CLFP Payment on a rolling quarterly basis, beginning January 2025.

To access the online claim form, you will need to log in to the Doctors of BC website. If you don't have log in access, please contact benefits@doctorsofbc.ca.

If you have questions regarding the submission process of the CLFP Payment claim form, or you want the invitation email to be resent to you, please contact fp.billing@doctorsofbc.ca.

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When is the deadline to claim the 2025 CLFP Payment for physicians who bill fee-for-service?

The 2025 CLFP Payment will be paid out to eligible physicians who bill fee-for-service four times per year on a quarterly installment schedule. Payment details, including payment dates, will be communicated to individual physicians prior to payment.

Payment period	Claim form deadline
January 1 - March 31, 2025	April 18, 2025
April 1 - June 30, 2025	July 18, 2025
July 1 - September 30, 2025	October 17, 2025
October 1 - December 31, 2025	January 16, 2026

When is the deadline to claim the 2025 CLFP Payment for physicians who work under an APSA contract?

The deadline for claiming the 2025 CLFP Payment for eligible physicians working under an APSA contract will be shared in the invitation email sent to physicians in January 2026.

When is the 2025 CLFP Payment paid to physicians who bill fee-for-service?

The 2025 CLFP Payment is expected to be paid to eligible family physicians who bill fee-for-service on a quarterly installment schedule as per the remittance dates below. Please be aware that these installments will align with the remittance schedule of the LFP Panel Payment.

Payment period	Claim form deadline	Payment to be made no later than
January 1 - March 31, 2025	April 18, 2025	May 31, 2025
April 1 - June 30, 2025	July 18, 2025	August 31, 2025
July 1 - September 30, 2025	October 17, 2025	November 30, 2025
October 1 - December 31, 2025	January 16, 2026	February 28, 2026

When is the 2025 CLFP Payment paid to physicians who work under an APSA contract?

Eligible physicians who work solely under an APSA contract should expect to receive the APSA portion of their 2025 CLFP Payment remitted to them as a single instalment by March 31, 2026.

If you work concurrently under fee-for-service and an APSA contract, the fee-for-service portion of your 2025 CLFP Payment will be remitted to you quarterly, in alignment with the payment instalment schedule found above.

How will CLFP Payment be distributed to my MSP Payee Number(s)?

The CLFP Payment associated with your MSP Practitioner Number is paid to the MSP Payee Number associated with your primary longitudinal family practice clinic location.

When submitting your online claim form for the CLFP Payment, you will need to confirm the MSP Payee Number associated with your longitudinal family practice clinic location. By default, the CLFP Payment will be directed to the MSP Payee Number where you bill the majority of chronic disease management and complex care services

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(14050-53, 14033, 14075) in 2025. If the physician has not provided these services in 2025, the FPSC will identify the MSP Payee Number based on where the physician provided the majority of family physician services in 2024.

Eligible family physicians on APSA contracts who typically receive payment via a Clinic MSP Payee Number, should confirm the Clinic MSP Payee Number on the claim form.

Physicians providing community longitudinal family physician services at more than one clinic should discuss the CLFP Payment with the clinic owners/operators at all their clinics as the CLFP Payment will be directed to a single MSP Payee Number, regardless of where care is provided.

My MSP Payee Number is not listed on the CLFP Payment claim form, who do I contact?

If the MSP Payee Number that is linked to your longitudinal family practice clinic location is not listed on the CLFP Payment claim form, please contact fp.billing@doctorsofbc.ca.

Do family physicians have to provide a portion of the CLFP Payment to clinic owners for overhead?

There are no specific requirements for how physicians and clinics are expected to distribute the CLFP Payment amongst themselves. Physicians and clinic owners are advised to develop formal cost sharing agreements to clearly define and document physicians' financial obligations to their clinics. Physicians and clinic owners should discuss how their cost sharing agreements apply to all physician payments.

Please see [Doctors of BC Business Pathways](#) for more resources on the business elements of medical practice, including a [Guide to Cost Sharing Agreements](#) and a [Cost Sharing Agreement template](#).

In what circumstances would I complete the Practice Change Declaration Form?

You should complete and submit a [Practice Change Declaration Form](#) if you are a family physician who has submitted your CLFP payment claim form in 2025 and your practice has undergone any of the following changes:

- You would like to direct the CLFP Payment to a different MSP Payee Number associated with your longitudinal family practice location
- You have transitioned to exclusively providing locum services
- You have transitioned from exclusively providing locum services to providing longitudinal family physician services
- You have taken an unexpected temporary leave in 2025 (e.g., illness, parental leave, caregiving, or military deployment)
- You have transitioned (or plan to transition) to providing longitudinal family physician services (or a combination of longitudinal family physician services and locum services) under a different payment model.
- You have transitioned from one longitudinal family practice clinic to another under the Fee-for Service Payment Model or APSA contract, resulting in a temporary gap in my longitudinal family practice time in 2025.

Payment amount and calculation

How much is the CLFP Payment?

In 2025, the CLFP Payment amounts vary based on the number and complexity of MSOC patients associated with each physician. 2025 CLFP Payment amounts range from \$8,000 to \$20,000. A physician with an average number of MSOC patients of average complexity is expected to receive an amount of approximately \$11,625.

How are payment amounts for the CLFP Payment calculated?

a) Family physicians who bill fee-for-service

2025 CLFP Payment amounts are calculated based on methodology to estimate the size and complexity of a longitudinal family physician’s patient panel. In this methodology, the number of patients is estimated using the Majority Source of Care (MSOC) methodology and complexity is measured using the Adjusted Clinical Group (ACG) system.

b) Family physicians who working under APSA contract

The payment amount for each eligible family physician will vary according to the type and current terms of their contract or model. The FPSC will calculate and determine the respective amounts based on data received through MSP.

Does the Rural Retention Program (RRP) fee premium apply to the CLFP Payment?

No, the RRP fee premium does not apply to the CLFP Payment.

What time period of MSP billing data is used to calculate the CLFP Payment?

In 2025, the CLFP Payment will be based on a modified Majority Source of Care (MSOC) methodology to estimate patient attachment to physicians and on the Adjusted Clinical Group (ACG) methodology to estimate the complexity of each MSOC patient.

For each CLFP payment installment, a payment amount is calculated based on the number and complexity of MSOC patients in a specified previous 12-month period (see below).

Payment period	Specified 12-month period for MSOC/ACG calculations	Payment to be made no later than
January 1 - March 31, 2025	December 1, 2023 to November 30, 2024	May 31, 2025
April 1 - June 30, 2025	March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025	August 31, 2025
July 1 - September 30, 2025	June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025	November 30, 2025
October 1 - December 31, 2025	September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025	February 28, 2026

How is the CLFP Payment amount calculated if I have a temporary absence?

In 2025, the CLFP Payment amounts are calculated using MSOC and ACG methodology based on MSP billing data from a previous 12-month period. If you have a temporary absence during this time period, the payment amount will be calculated based on a 12-month period prior to the start of the temporary absence, in order to capture data that reflects the physician's typical practice.

When submitting a claim form for the CLFP Payment, you will be asked to submit the start and end dates of any temporary absences that occurred during the time period being used to calculate your payment amount.

How is the CLFP Payment prorated for physicians who switch to a different payment model or leave community longitudinal family practice?

For the 2025 CLFP Payment, an annual amount is calculated and prorated by the number of days a physician is working on fee-for-service or applicable alternative payment/funding model in 2025.

For example, if a physician switched to the LFP Payment Model and billed their first LFP direct patient care time code (98010) on March 1, 2025, they would be considered to have been on fee-for-service (or applicable payment model) for a total of 59 days from January 1 to February 28, 2025. If their total 2025 CLFP Payment is \$10,000 (based on 365 days), then their actual 2025 CLFP Payment would be prorated to \$1616 (for 59 days).

In another example, if a fee-for-service physician retires from community longitudinal family practice on June 15, 2024, they would be considered to have been eligible for the 2024 CLFP Payment for 165 days from January 1 to June 14, 2025. If their total 2025 CLFP Payment is \$10,000 (based on 365 days), then their actual 2025 CLFP Payment would be prorated to \$4,520 (for 165 days).

How is the CLFP Payment determined if a physician takes over an existing patient panel from another physician?

The outgoing and incoming physician can submit an online [panel transfer declaration form](#) confirming that the incoming physician has taken over the patient panel of the outgoing physician. Once this declaration is submitted and approved, the 2025 CLFP Payment for the incoming physician will be calculated based on the MSOC/ACG data of the outgoing physician over the specified 12-month period. If the payment amount for the incoming physician based on their own MSOC/ACG data exceeds the payment amount based on outgoing physician's MSOC/ACG data, the incoming physician will receive the higher payment amount.

Once the panel transfer declaration form has been submitted and approved, the arrangement is valid only for the 2025 CLFP Payment.

How is the CLFP Payment amount determined if more than one physician takes over an existing panel from another physician?

The declaration process for a physician taking over an existing panel only applies when there is **one** outgoing physician and **one** incoming physician. The declaration process is not available if more than one physician has taken over an existing patient panel. In this circumstance, each incoming physician will be eligible for a minimum 2025 CLFP Payment amount, until their calculated amount exceeds the minimum.

How is the CLFP Payment amount determined for the outgoing physician if they move/start a CLFP practice?

After the declaration, if the outgoing physician continues to practice as a community longitudinal family physician (as defined in the [FPSC Preamble](#)) and meets all the requirements of the 2025 CLFP Payment, they will be eligible for the minimum 2025 CLFP Payment, in a manner similar to a new-to-practice physician. This would be most commonly seen in circumstances where the physician changes clinics or moves to a new community.

Majority Source of Care (MSOC)

What are Majority Source of Care (MSOC) patients?

MSOC patients are those who, during a 12-month period, had three or more family physician services and more than 50% of those services were provided by one family physician. A patient can be MSOC for only one family physician in a given 12-month period.

Services include most clinic-based primary care services billed under fee-for-service, alternate payment models (e.g., encounter billing), and the LFP Payment Model (e.g., patient interaction codes). The modified MSOC calculation does not consider consultative services or services provided in facilities such as hospitals and long-term care.

How does my number of MSOC patients compared to the number of patients on my patient panel?

MSOC patients are only those who, during a 12-month period, had three or more family physician services and more than 50% of those services were provided by one family physician. A patient can be MSOC for only one family physician.

There will be patients on a physician's patient panel who will not be considered as MSOC patients for the purpose of calculating the CLFP Payment. Examples include patients who had less than three family physician services in the 12-month period and patients who saw other family physicians more than their longitudinal family physician.

As a result, the number of MSOC patients is generally less than the number of patients on a physician's patient panel.

Will my CLFP Payment be reduced since I have fewer MSOC patients than the number of patients on my panel?

The calculation of the payment amount under the MSOC methodology has been adapted with the aim of maintaining similar payment rates for individual physicians if the CLFP Payment transitions from MSOC methodology to the actual number of empanelled patients in the future.

Why does the CLFP Payment use MSOC methodology and not my list of empanelled patients to calculate the payment amount?

A provincial attachment system to identify physicians' empanelled patients is not yet fully implemented. Waiting for this provincial system to be in place before distributing the 2025 CLFP Payment would have delayed it

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considerably. Therefore, the 2025 CLFP Payment will estimate patient attachment to physicians using a modified Majority Source of Care (MSOC) methodology.

I bill MSP using more than one MSP Payee Number. Does this impact my number of MSOC patient and my CLFP Payment?

The MSOC methodology does not consider MSP Payee Numbers when allocating MSOC patients for family physicians. All MSP claims are linked to the individual physician who provided the service via an MSP Practitioner Number. As a result, the use of multiple MSP Payee Numbers does not impact your number of MSOC patients or your CLFP Payment amount.

Can I find out which of my patients are considered to be MSOC patients?

Identifiable information about individual patients, such as their MSOC or ACG assignments, is not available to physicians or the public due to privacy constraints.

Can a patient be considered a MSOC patient for more than once family physician?

MSOC patients are only those who, during a 12-month period, had three or more family physician services and more than 50% of such services were provided by one family physician. While a patient may visit multiple family physicians, a patient can be MSOC for only one family physician in a given 12-month period.

How does MSOC methodology apply to physicians who work together in a group practice to provide care to patients?

MSOC patients are those who, during a 12-month period, had three or more family physician services and more than 50% of those services were provided by one family physician.

The MSOC methodology does not consider family physicians working together in a group practice any differently than family physicians in other settings. To be considered an MSOC patient, the longitudinal family physician must see the patient for the majority (more than 50%) of their visits.

In many circumstances, this will happen when patients see their identified family physician for planned visits but see other physicians in the practice for urgent visits, as long as the planned visits constitute more than 50% of the visits. On the other hand, some clinics may find that the MSOC methodology does not reflect how they provide care to their patients as a group of physicians.

A group of physicians sharing the longitudinal care of patients may choose to enter into a private arrangement on how their CLFP Payments are shared or distributed amongst themselves and/or locums.

Physicians are advised to develop formal cost sharing agreements to clearly define and document their financial obligations to their clinics. Physicians (and non-physician clinic owners) should discuss how their cost sharing agreements apply to all physician payments. Please see [Doctors of BC Business Pathways](#) for more resources on the business elements of medical practice, including a [Guide to Cost Sharing Agreements](#) and a [Cost Sharing Agreement template](#).

Adjusted Clinical Group (ACG)

How does the CLFP Payment measure patient complexity?

The CLFP Payment uses the Adjusted Clinical Group (ACG) methodology to estimate the complexity of each MSOC patient.

What is the Adjusted Clinical Group (ACG) System?

The [ACG system](#) is a population/patient case-mix adjustment system developed by researchers at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. The ACG system has been used by the BC Ministry of Health to estimate patient complexity since 2000.

Under the ACG system, ICD-9 diagnostic codes are mapped to Aggregated Diagnosis Groups (ADGs). Each ADG is a grouping of ICD-9 codes that are similar in terms of severity and likelihood of persistence of the health condition. A patient's ADGs are combined with the patient's age and gender to assign the patient to an Adjusted Clinical Group (ACG) category. All patients in BC are assigned to an ACG category.

The CLFP Payment uses the ACG methodology to estimate the complexity of each MSOC patient by categorizing each patient into complexity categories relevant to family medicine. The ACG methodology enables patient complexity to reflect a wide range of diagnoses and health conditions that can be expected to influence health care utilization.

Once patients are assigned to an ACG category, how is it determined “by how much” a patient in one category is more or less complex from patient in another category?

Each patient is assigned to a ACG category based on their health conditions. Each ACG category is given a standardized “complexity index score” based on the average annual MSP payments (for family physicians) for patients in each ACG category relative to that of the highest cost ACG category.

For example, if average annual MSP payments for ACG 0400 (acute major) is \$66 and the highest cost ACG category is \$1780, then the standardized complexity index score for a patient in ACG 0400 is 3.7 ($66/1780 \times 100 = 3.7$). A patient in the highest cost ACG category will have a score of 100.

Please see this [document](#) for a listing of ACG categories relevant to family medicine.

Do fee-for-service and LFP patient interaction codes impact the ACG assignments of patients?

The ACG assignments of patients are not impacted by the specific fee codes and patient interaction codes billed by physicians. This includes FPSC fees, such as complex care fees, chronic disease management fees, mental health planning fees, etc.

Instead, ACG assignments are informed by the ICD-9 diagnostic codes that are submitted when physicians submit their MSP billings.

Which ICD-9 diagnostic codes are considered by the ACG system?

All ICD-9 diagnostic codes submitted to Teleplan are considered by the ACG system to estimate patient complexity. In addition to the ICD-9 codes that you submit at your clinic, ICD-9 codes submitted by other

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physicians are also used. This includes ICD-9 codes submitted by family physicians and other specialists providing care in clinics and facility-based settings (e.g., ER, long-term care, hospital, maternity, etc.) around the province.

How many ICD-9 codes can I submit per MSP claim?

In BC, each MSP claim can accommodate up to three ICD-9 codes. You can submit one, two, or three ICD-9 codes on each MSP claim as is appropriate for the patient interaction.

All ICD-9 codes on an MSP claim are considered by the ACG (Adjusted Clinical Group) system to estimate patient complexity.

If you are unsure about how to submit more than one ICD-9 code, please contact your EMR vendor. EMR orientation guides are being developed by the [Doctors Technology Office](#) and will be available [here](#).

How can I submit ICD-9 diagnostic codes to accurately reflect my patients' complexity?

As best practice, physicians are advised to be as specific as possible when submitting ICD-9 codes. The ICD-9 codes submitted should reflect the care provided during the patient visit, identifying the patients concerns and physician services. Where possible, use ICD-codes with 4 or 5 digits.

BC Family Doctors has created a [two-page summary](#) of common family medicine 3-digit ICD-9 codes for physicians getting started with more accurate diagnostic coding. MSP has a [Guide to 3-Digit and 4-Digit Diagnostic Code Descriptions](#).

Can find out the ACG assignments for my patients?

Identifiable information about individual patients, such as their MSOC or ACG assignments, is not available to physicians or the public due to privacy constraints.

Contact

Who do I contact if I have more questions?

Please contact fp.billing@doctorsofbc.ca if you have further questions about the CLFP Payment.