

Medical Liability Reimbursement Program Administration Policy

The Medical Liability Reimbursement program is funded entirely by Alberta Health.

The program reimburses eligible physicians for part of their medical liability protection costs.

Eligibility requirements

To be reimbursed for the months when you are eligible, a Physician must:

- Be a regulated member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, who holds a practice permit issued under the Health Professions Act (excluding physicians on the postgraduate register unless the postgraduate trainee is registered as a Physician extender).
- Be a full member of the AMA or a non-member who has paid an administration fee equal to full membership.
- Be a member of the CMPA
- Have provided insured medical services whether paid by Alberta Health, Alberta Health Services, or any other party; or have provided public health services funded by AHS. Insured medical services includes clinical services provided through an alternate relationship plan or the academic medicine health services program.

If you are not billing on a fee-for-service basis but are still providing eligible insured medical services or public health services, you will need to complete and return an **Eligibility Status Form**, available on the AMA website at www.albertadoctors.org/services/physicians/paperwork.

Claiming policies

If you've satisfied the eligibility requirements above, we will automatically reimburse your CMPA fees, less a prorated deductible of \$1,000. If you pay an annual online fee payment, you will be reimbursed in May. If you pay your CMPA fees through monthly pre-authorized debit, you will be reimbursed in quarterly installments, approximately one month after the end of each quarter. For additional information on your CMPA fee payment method, **contact the CMPA at 1.800.267.6522**.

Please note that the CMPA provides the AMA with confirmation of your fee payment for the AMA to automatically reimburse you. If you have withdrawn your consent with the CMPA for this transfer to occur, you will need to provide the AMA with a copy of your CMPA acknowledgment form before reimbursement will be issued.

You are responsible for letting the AMA know if you've been reimbursed or receiving reimbursement in another province as you would not be eligible for reimbursement under the program for that month(s).

Physicians who have received a payment through the MLR Program are not entitled to receive a duplicate or comparable payment, or payment in kind, from the Government of Canada, another provincial government, or AHS during the Term corresponding to the same matter. Physicians who have received a payment from the Government of Canada, another provincial government, or AHS are not

entitled to receive a duplicate or comparable payment from the CME Program corresponding to the same matter.

If you become ineligible during the year (e.g., you go on leave for part of the year, you are reimbursed in another province) you must inform the AMA and return the reimbursed amount for the period in which you were ineligible.

Reimbursements to an eligible Physician through the MLR Program are subject to deduction of any overpayment and may be subject to adjustment as permitted or required by law.

You are encouraged to sign up for an electronic deposit of your benefit payment by completing a **Payment Request Form** available on the AMA website at www.albertadoctors.org/services/physicians/paperwork. You may also choose the option to have the payment made to your professional corporation. If a *Payment Request Form* is not completed, the payment will be sent by cheque to you personally, to your preferred AMA mailing address.

Early reimbursement process

As a benefit for members the AMA has arranged a process with CMPA that enables you to receive your reimbursement *before* the CMPA withdraws your annual premium from your bank account. To participate, you must have met the program eligibility requirements outlined on the previous page by December 31, and you must have enrolled in the CMPA's annual pre-authorized debit **by contacting CMPA**.

If you participate, AMA will mail a cheque or deposit your reimbursement in late April, and the CMPA will debit your account on May 1. (Consider signing up for direct deposit to ensure your reimbursement arrives before CMPA debits your bank account.)

www.albertadoctors.org/services/physicians/paperwork.

Income tax implications

Reimbursements received through the MLR program must be declared as income for tax purposes. You may continue to claim your Canadian Medical Protective Association fees as allowed under the current tax regulations. For more information about tax implications, please contact your accountant. No tax receipt will be issued.

Claim history and statement reports can be located on your AMA Dashboard under Medical Liability Reimbursement.

Contact us

If you have questions, please contact:

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If you have questions about your CMPA fees or CMPA payment method, please contact the CMPA at 1.800.267.6522.