

Clinical ARP Rates

Annualized Model

In the annualized model, the maximum approved funding for the clinical ARP (cARP) is equal to the Provincial Base Payment Rate (PBPR) multiplied by the number of approved full-time equivalents (FTEs).

PBPRs were originally derived from the 2002/03 fiscal year fee-for-service (FFS) billings for full-time (1.0 FTE) physicians in a specific specialty using modified Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) methodology. All rates were adjusted in subsequent years by the same sectional increases awarded to FFS physicians through periodic re-negotiations and sectional allocations. The current PBPRs are listed in the following table.

The number of approved FTEs for the cARP is calculated based on a reasonable amount of program services that can be delivered by each 1.0 FTE.

An FTE is a time-based unit of measure (e.g., days per year or hours per year), which is typically derived from the average days worked (ADW) per year for 1.0 FTE in each specialty. The ADW was determined through the modified CIHI methodology calculations as any day with one or more billing events.

For general practitioners (GPs), one common FTE definition is 241 Program Service Days (PSDs), where a PSD equals program services provided within 24-hour period from 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. Another common GP FTE definition (used by Alberta Health for all new GP cARPs) is 1,928 annual hours of program service per 1.0 FTE. Although this is managed as an annual figure, it was derived from taking the GP ADW of 241 days multiplied by eight hours per day.

Provincial Base Payment Rates (PBPRs) as of April 1, 2024

Specialty	Funding Rate per 1.0 FTE	FTE Definition	Implied Rates
		Annual Days (ADW 2002-03)	Per Day
Anesthesia	\$398,522.61	198	\$2,012.74
Critical Care	\$523,409.97	187	\$2,798.98
Emergency Medicine	\$341,231.96	179	\$1,906.32
General Practice	\$380,522.54	241	\$1,578.93
General Surgery	\$530,401.38	230	\$2,306.09
Internal Medicine	\$339,014.14	221	\$1,534.00
Obstetrics	\$488,868.32	230	\$2,125.50
Orthopedics	\$481,469.31	220	\$2,188.50
Psychiatry	\$339,456.67	214	\$1,586.25

Notes:

- The yellow shaded areas provide additional information not considered part of the PBPRs.

- Alberta Health only lists the GP rate on their [website](#) and instructs readers to contact them for the rates for other specialties.
- All other specialties, beyond those listed in the table above, are considered off-template. For more information on off-template rates contact the AMA at arpinquiries@albertadoctors.org.

Sessional

In a sessional clinical ARP, compensation is based on an hourly rate for the delivery of clinical services. This model applies to small, specialized programs and is intended for part-time participation up to an average of two days (16 hours) per week.

The current clinical ARP sessional rate for GPs and specialists is \$228.45 per hour.

Blended Capitation

Information on the blended capitation model can be found [here](#).

Full Capitation

Two historical capitation clinical ARP programs are still in operation (Crowfoot Village Family Practice and The Taber Clinic). For these programs, capitation rates for each rostered patient are based on age and gender. These models are not currently available to new applicants.