

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 Canadian Medical Protective Association (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 include clinical services provided through an alternate relationship plan or the academic medicine health services program.
- Be employed by or a party to a service agreement with a person under section 20.1 of the Act that enables the person to receive payment of Benefits in respect of Insured Medical Services provided by the Physician under the employment of service agreement.

If you are not billing on a fee-for-service basis but are providing eligible insured medical services or public health services, you will need to complete and return an [Eligibility Status Form](#).

Claiming Policies

If you meet the eligibility requirements above, your CMPA fees will be automatically reimbursed, less a prorated \$1,000 deductible.

If you pay annually online, reimbursement will be issued in May. If you pay through monthly pre-authorized debit, reimbursement will be provided in quarterly installments, approximately one month after each quarter ends.

For more information about your CMPA payment method, please contact the CMPA at 1.800.267.6522.

Please note that the CMPA provides the AMA with confirmation of your fee payment, allowing reimbursement to be processed automatically. If you have withdrawn your consent for this transfer, you must submit a copy of your CMPA acknowledgment form to the AMA before reimbursement can be issued.

You are responsible for notifying the AMA if you have received or will receive reimbursement in another province, as you would not be eligible for reimbursement under this program for those 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., due to a leave of absence or reimbursement in another province), you must notify the AMA and repay any amounts received for the period of ineligibility. Reimbursements provided through the MLR Program may be reduced to recover any overpayments and may be adjusted as permitted or required by law.

Reimbursements are issued by direct deposit only. If you haven't signed up, you may log into your AMA member dashboard to add a personal bank account or complete a [Payment Request form](#) (login required) available on the AMA website.

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 meet the program eligibility requirements outlined on the previous page by December 31 and enroll in CMPA's annual pre-authorized debit by contacting CMPA.

If enrolled, the AMA will deposit your reimbursement in late April. To avoid delays, please ensure you are set up for direct deposit, as CMPA will debit your account on May 1. Direct deposit is required to receive your reimbursement before the CMPA withdrawal.

Income Tax Implications

Reimbursements received through the MLR program must be declared as income for tax purposes. You may continue to claim your CMPA 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 our Membership and Benefits team
T: 780.482.2626 Toll-free 1.800.272.9680 Email mlr@albertadoctors.org

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