

# CMPA Announcement Follow-up



## ***Action Required: New Reimbursement Process for CMPA Fees***

CMPA or alternate malpractice insurance coverage is required for all residents in order for them to be credentialed. Previously, we announced that the CMPA has changed the way they accept payments, and **residents are now required to pay the CMPA fees at the time of their registration**. As a result, we have had to create a system where residents can be reimbursed. Together with Dalhousie Postgraduate Medical Education, Nova Scotia Health Authority Medical Education, the NS Department of Health and Wellness and MSI, we have developed a system for all physician trainees.

### **What do I have to do?**

Each trainee will need to register with MSI. In order to receive reimbursement, you are required to complete and submit to MSI (one time only) a **Resident Application form**. As noted on the application form, please include a void cheque or confirmation of banking/direct deposit form. Once your form has been processed, MSI will provide you with a unique MSI provider number which is to be used when submitting your receipts for reimbursement on this occasion and in the future. If you submit your application form between January and March, 2020, your MSI provider number will be emailed to you in April, 2020. From April, 2020 onward, you should receive your MSI provider number within one to two weeks of submitting your application.

Once you have been issued a provider number, you can complete and submit a **CMPA Fees Reimbursement form** to MSI with supporting receipts to be reimbursed for your CMPA fees.

**If your address or banking information changes during your residency, please remember to notify MSI by submitting a Resident Profile Update form.**

The above noted forms are accessible through the link noted below:

MSI Website: <http://msi.medavie.bluecross.ca/resident-registration-and-cmpa-reimbursement/>

### **The process for reimbursement**

Receipts will be reimbursed twice per year. In 2020, any submissions received by June 30th will be paid on August 12th and any received by December 31st will be paid on January 27th, 2021. Your submission must be received by the deadline in order to be reimbursed on the specified payment date. For

example, if your submission, (completed form and receipts), is received by June 30, 2020, you will receive payment via electronic deposit on August 12, 2020.

**Please note**, CMPA has also changed their billing interval for residents from the academic year, to the calendar year. **If you currently are registered and paid for CMPA up until June 30, 2020** and are a returning trainee, you must renew your CMPA coverage for the next academic year before June 30, 2020. You will pay for the rest of the 2020 calendar year, in this case until December 31, 2020 (six months). You will then have to renew and pay for your CMPA membership every year by December 31st for the next full calendar year until you complete training. If you are finishing training on June 30th of the next calendar year, you will just pay until the end of June for that calendar year. **For any resident whose training does not follow the regular July 1st to June 30th cycle**, you will have to ensure your CMPA fees are paid before you begin (or re-enter) training. You will be billed from your start (or return date) until December 31, 2020, and then follow the same schedule as above (paying for a full year effective Jan. 1, or less if finishing that year). For reimbursement, you must register with MSI and you will submit your receipts for reimbursement as per the instructions given. You will be reimbursed according to the published schedule.

### **I'm not based in Nova Scotia, does this apply to me?**

Yes. In the same way that Nova Scotia Health Authority is the pay office for all Maritime Resident Doctors, including those working in New Brunswick and PEI, all residents will be required to register with MSI (Nova Scotia Medical Services Insurance) to complete the reimbursement process.

### **Register now**

As this is a new system, we are asking any current trainees who will be continuing for the next academic year to register for your MSI provider number early and have both your Resident Application form and your CMPA Fees Reimbursement form completed before **June 1, 2020**, in order to avoid any delays. Given that so many trainees have to complete the process this first year, this is especially important to ensure timely reimbursement.

If you have any questions about this process, feel free to reach out to MarDocs at [sandi@mardocs.ca](mailto:sandi@mardocs.ca) or directly to MSI at [msiproviders@medavie.ca](mailto:msiproviders@medavie.ca) or Telephone: Local 902-496-7011 Option 1/Option 1; toll-free 1-866-553-0585 Option 1/Option1.

We will continue to update you as necessary.

### ***Sent in partnership with:***

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