



Specialist Recruitment and Retention Committee

Extended Leave Program

APPLICATION FOR BENEFITS

Name _____ Address _____
Community _____ Postal Code _____
Phone # _____ Social Insurance # _____
Specialty _____ Email _____

Medical Practice in Saskatchewan

Current practice location _____ Dates practicing _____
Previous practice locations _____ Dates _____

Proposed Education/Training Program

Type of Program _____ Location _____
Program start date _____ Anticipated completion _____

Have you received acceptance for the training? [] Yes [] No
If yes, please provide a copy of your enrolment confirmation.

Statement of Program: Please state what you hope to learn and accomplish through this education program.
Indicate the need for this type of training in Saskatchewan and your plans upon completion. Attach a separate sheet if
necessary. Please type or write legibly.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Return to: Specialist Recruitment and Retention Committee
c/o Saskatchewan Medical Association
201 – 2174 Airport Drive
Saskatoon, SK S7L 6M6
Fax: 306-653-1631

The Specialist Extended Leave Program is provided through an agreement between the Saskatchewan Medical Association and the Government of Saskatchewan.

PURPOSE

To provide funds to specialist physicians for reimbursement of costs and foregone practice income in order to participate in personalized educational instruction.

The program will support physicians to upgrade skills and knowledge in areas of their choice for periods of time from one to six weeks.

Funding is NOT available to physicians taking extended refresher courses in order to qualify for Canadian licensure (i.e. filling in gaps in pre-licensure training).

Funding is NOT available for conferences. The funding is intended for an individualised program of instruction designed to meet the learning objectives of the physician.

FUNDING

Eligible physicians may be able to claim up to \$4000.00 per week for each week of course attendance to a maximum of six weeks. Funds received from the program are taxable. Physicians will not be able to claim funds from this program and the CME bank for the same educational experience.

The amounts of funds available for the program are limited and therefore the Committee reserves the right to prorate or prioritise applications. The Committee does acknowledge that exceptional circumstances may arise where educational instruction programs exceed six weeks. These cases may be adjudicated on an individual basis by the Committee.

ELIGIBILITY

Physicians must have 12 months of continuous licensure and must have been practising in Saskatchewan for at least 12 months prior to applying to the fund. Physicians receiving monies from the fund will be expected to provide services in Saskatchewan for a period of time after completing the educational activity. The service commitment will be one month of service for every week of funding.

It is the expectation of the Committee that the physician will undertake discussions with the RHA, as to the applicability of the proposed learning objectives, if the program will require RHA resources to implement. The Committee may ask for proof of RHA involvement, depending on the training program proposed. It is suggested that the physician discuss the proposed learning program with the RHA in all instances, to allow for better planning and coordination.

Exceptions to the above requirements may be considered by the Committee.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons will be asked to adjudicate the merit of proposed courses if the Committee requires such assistance.

HOW TO APPLY

When applying to the program physicians should submit details of the proposed educational experience including proof of acceptance in the course (if received) and the proposed dates.

The completed application should be returned to the Saskatchewan Medical Association office. The Specialist Recruitment and Retention Committee will adjudicate the applications. Applicants will be advised as to the disbursement of funds.