



COVID-19 Illness and Mandatory Self-Isolation Benefit

Purpose

To provide licensed physicians living and working in a self-employed practice in Saskatchewan with financial support during a self-isolation period due to COVID-19 illness and mandatory self-isolation, as a result of workplace exposure.

Program Parameters*

- Benefit start date is April 6, 2020
- Eligible family physicians will receive \$1,500 per day, to a maximum of \$15,000. Eligible specialists will receive \$2,000 per day to a maximum of \$20,000.
- Criteria:
 - be licensed with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan under [Bylaw 2.5, 2.5, 2.6](#) or hold a locum license;
 - be a resident in Saskatchewan and be practicing in Saskatchewan;
 - be self-employed;
 - have been exposed to COVID-19 during work (i.e., not available for illness due to a non-occupational exposure to COVID-19, or mandatory self-isolation due to non-occupational exposure risk to COVID such as international travel); and
 - provide a statement or documentation confirming the positive COVID-19 test and/or documenting the exposure during work that results in mandatory self-isolation
 - SHA's Pandemic Exposure Status [Form](#)

**exceptions will be reviewed jointly by the SMA and Medical Services Branch of the Ministry of Health.*

Process

- Fill out the SHA's Pandemic Exposure Status Form: <https://www.saskdocs.ca/pandemic-status-submission/>
- Physicians who are well enough to work may continue billing fee-for-service. The self-isolation benefit will be reduced by the income earned. Physicians compensated by contract via the SHA will not be eligible for the benefit if they are self-isolating and well enough to work remotely (will continue to be paid under their existing contract).
- After self-isolation is complete, please fill out the SMA Self-Isolation Benefit Application form to apply for the benefit.
- Payment can be expected within two weeks once the application is completed and verified. If there are extenuating circumstances, please contact the self-isolation benefits coordinator at isolationbenefit@sma.sk.ca