



TERMS OF REFERENCE ECONOMICS COMMITTEE

Composition

1. The Committee shall consist of:
 - (a) the chairperson, and
 - (b) up to nine members appointed by the Board of Directors.
2. None of the appointees shall act as Section representatives to the Intersectional Council.
3. Members shall be chosen to represent a balance of economic expertise and perspective, including representation of physicians working under alternate payment plans.
4. The Committee shall select a vice-chairperson from among its members.

Functions

The Committee shall:

1. study socio-economic and political developments as they affect the economics of providing medical care to the residents of Saskatchewan.
2. study ways and means of effecting adjustments in income of both fee-for-service and non fee-for-service physicians and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.
3. develop policy statements regarding physician remuneration and alternate payment plans and to act as a clearinghouse for members in regards to information regarding physician payment mechanisms.
4. develop appropriate criteria for evaluating physician payment mechanisms.
5. nominate the Tariff Committee.
6. approve the amendments to the Payment Schedule proposed by the Tariff Committee.
7. be available to consult with the Medical Compensation Review Committee and Workers' Compensation Board Negotiating Team with respect to fee-for-service negotiations.
8. allocate to the Sections the money negotiated by the Medical Compensation Review Committee or the Payment Schedule Review Committee.
9. support a framework for the negotiation of salaried and contract physician remuneration.
10. support a framework for negotiations with the Workers' Compensation Board.
11. interface from time to time with the Medical Services Plan to exchange ideas/information.
12. develop and maintain a Relative Value Guide to Physicians' Fees, the uniform application of which will provide equitable remuneration for a comparable amount of work done by practitioners

in the various branches of medicine.

13. study such other matters as may be referred to it by the Board of Directors.

Quorum

A simple majority of the Committee constitutes a quorum.

Minutes

1. The minutes of the Committee's meetings shall be distributed to members of the:
 - (a) Tariff Committee,
 - (b) Medical Compensation Review Committee,
 - (c) Payment Schedule Review Committee,
 - (d) Intersectional Council,
 - (e) Board of Directors.

2. The Committee shall receive the minutes of the meetings of the Committees listed in 1(a), (b), (c) and (d) as well as all the information letters sent to those Committees.

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