

## Continuing Medical Education Reimbursement Program

- One application per CME activity is accepted; include all related expenses and copies of associated receipts with the application. Further submissions related to the same CME activity will not be accepted.
- Funds are allocated per calendar year. Unused funds from a previous year will carry over for one year only.
- Applications with all supporting documentation must be received by January 15 after the year in which applied funds are due to expire. Please note the purchase or event must take place on or before December 31st of the expiring year, however, claim submissions are accepted until January 15th to provide time to organize and submit all necessary documentation.
- Physicians who start practice after July 1 would be eligible for a maximum half entitlement in their first calendar year. Those starting practice after October 1 are eligible only in the next calendar year.
- Physicians, whose eligibility requirements change such as leaving the province, must submit applications with all supporting documentation prior to the effective date of change or relocation.

### Reimbursable expenses

- **Registration** - Copies of registration receipts and other documentary evidence showing the name of the organization, date, location of meeting or course and verification of attendance must be submitted. Social activities included in the registration fee will not be honoured.
- **Transportation** - May include the lesser of economy airfare (copies of air itinerary/cost details required) or automobile travel at the current mileage rate, taxi and parking (copies of receipts required). Travel on private aircraft will be paid at the lesser of available commercial air rates or automobile travel rates. Aeroplan flights do not qualify for reimbursement.
- **Maintenance** - Includes lodging, meals, gratuities (no receipts required). A daily meal allowance of up to \$30.00 may be claimed by doctors attending local courses, etc. when the full maintenance allowance (\$300/day) is not appropriate.
- **Overhead** - May be claimed by self-employed physicians per regular working day away from practice (no receipts required). Applies only to travel days via the most direct route and days actually attending the CME function.
- **Purchases** - the purchase/subscription of books, journals or medical software are eligible expenditures. Office-related software is not eligible (e.g. Microsoft Office).
- Up to \$1000 per year may be used to purchase **computer hardware**. Eligible purchases include: desktop computers, laptop computers, tablets, smartphones, and smartwatches. Accessories to these items do not qualify.
- **Foreign Currency** – Copies of credit card statement or currency exchange at time of booking/purchasing must be included. Any claims sent without will be converted by SMA on receipt of claim.
- Where receipts are needed as supporting evidence – please do not mail originals, as these will not be returned.

### Eligibility and amounts available

To apply, a physician must:

- a. Reside in Saskatchewan at the time the application is made.
- b. Be providing clinical services or engaged in an administrative role that interacts with physicians providing clinical services.
- c. Be licensed with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan and be a resident and practicing in Saskatchewan for at least three months.
- d. The amount a physician is entitled to in any calendar year is based on level of activity:

#### Salaried/Contract

- Full-time
- Part-time
- Casual

#### Entitlement

Full Benefits \$3,500/year  
Half Benefits \$1,750/year  
Ineligible

#### Fee for Service

##### Gross payments to MSP:

- Over \$60,000
- \$30,000 - \$60,000
- Less than \$30,000

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Half Benefits \$1,750/year  
Ineligible

Further information may be obtained from the Saskatchewan Medical Association at or 1-800-667-3781, or [cme@sma.sk.ca](mailto:cme@sma.sk.ca)