

RURAL & REGIONAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE
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EMERGENCY CARE CME
APPLICATION FOR BENEFITS

Name		Email	
Address		Community	
Postal Code		Phone	

Are you an itinerant physician or Rural Relief Locum? Yes No
 Are you receiving any other funding to support this course? Yes No

Course for which reimbursement is requested:

ATLS ___ **ACLS** ___ **CASTED Emergency (Orthopedics)**___ **PALS** ___
ALARM ___ **ALSO** ___ **NRP** ___ **Emergency Airway Course**** ___ **Ultrasound*** ___

Date of Course: _____ Course Location: _____

Courses not listed above may be eligible for reimbursement through the regular SMA CME Fund.

*Ultrasound course reimbursement is a recognized course. Payment is for up to \$2000 per physician (per practice career) for the course and/or scans.

** Emergency Airway Course reimbursement is for a recognized course such as AIME, the Difficult Airway Course, or STARS.

COST DETAILS:

**If this is for an ultrasound course, have you submitted a claim for ultrasound in the past?* Yes No

Registration fees (copy of receipt required) \$ _____

Travel/accommodation * \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

*Travel/accommodation is reimbursed at the following rates:

- \$0 Training obtained in the same community where the applicant resides.
- \$100 Training obtained within 100 km of the community where the applicant resides.
- \$500 Training obtained elsewhere in Saskatchewan.
- \$1000 Training obtained outside of Saskatchewan.

Copies of proof of successful completion of the course and the receipt for payment must be included when submitting the application. FMR2s and FMR3s must submit a signed contract to work in a rural/regional community in Saskatchewan with their application.

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

RETURN TO: Rural and Regional Practice Committee,
 c/o SMA, 201 – 2174 Airport Drive, Saskatoon, SK S7L 6M6
 Email: rprograms@sma.sk.ca

COMMITTEE ON RURAL & REGIONAL PRACTICE

RURAL & REGIONAL EMERGENCY CARE CME PROGRAM PARAMETERS

The Rural & Regional Emergency Care CME Program is provided through an agreement between the Saskatchewan Medical Association and the Government of Saskatchewan.

PURPOSE: To provide reimbursement to physicians in rural and regional practice for the cost of tuition and a portion of the travel and accommodation expenses associated with ACLS, PALS, ATLS, NRP, ALSO, ALARM, CASTED (orthopedics), ultrasound, and Emergency Airway Course. The program will support physicians to certify and re-certify their skills in emergency care training and risk management.

For the Ultrasound category, this program will cover up to \$2000 for a certified ultrasound course and/or scans. An example of a certified course would be those provided by the Canadian Point of Care Ultrasound Society. This is a one-time payment of up to \$2000 per physician. Once an ultrasound course has been completed utilizing the full amount, the Emergency Care CME Program will not cover further ultrasound courses/scans.

For the Emergency Airway Course category, it must be a recognized course such as AIME, the Difficult Airway Course, or STARS.

Please note, tuition for courses other than ACLS, PALS, ATLS, NRP, ALSO, ALARM, Ultrasound and Emergency Airway Course may be eligible for reimbursement through the regular SMA Continuing Medical Education (CME) Fund.

FUNDING: Money received from the Rural & Regional Emergency Care CME fund must be declared as income for tax purposes. Physicians may continue to claim educational costs as allowed under current tax regulations; therefore, **original receipts should be retained.**

Employed physicians who are not eligible to claim education costs as expenses do not have to declare money received from this fund as income. Submitted receipts to document expenses will not be returned. Therefore, we suggest that you submit photocopies.

Eligible physicians may claim reimbursement for the cost of Canadian tuition as well as \$100 for expenses associated with travel and maintenance if the course is taken within 100 km of the applicant's home community, and \$500 if taken elsewhere in Saskatchewan (\$0 will be paid for training obtained in the same community where the applicant resides). For courses pursued outside of Saskatchewan, \$1000 for expenses may be claimed.

Applications may be submitted for more than one course per year. Physicians are not able to concurrently claim funds from this program and the CME bank or other funding sources for the same educational experience. For courses that are taken back-to-back in the same community, travel/accommodation will only be paid for once.

Funds are provided only with respect to expenses already incurred for continuing medical education.



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Emergency Care CME applications for reimbursement can be applied for no later than 6 months from the date of the training/course.

ELIGIBILITY: Physicians must have licensure in the province of Saskatchewan and be practicing in rural¹ or regional² Saskatchewan at the time of the course. Physicians receiving monies from the fund will be expected to provide services in rural or regional Saskatchewan after completing the educational activity.

Itinerant physicians and physicians working for the SMA/CORRP Rural Relief Program are eligible to apply to the fund for course registration fees only.

Family Medicine Residents (FMRs) that have a return of service to work in rural/regional communities in Saskatchewan are eligible to apply for the Emergency Care CME Program.

Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment – SIPPA candidates may apply for Emergency Care CME funds during assessment. During the assessment period, funding will only be provided for course payment, and for courses that are offered in Saskatchewan. If the candidate is not successful in the assessment and/or do not move into a rural/regional practice for return-of-service, the expectation is that the SIPPA program would reimburse the funds.

Physicians that successfully complete SIPPA and move into a rural/regional practice with return-of-service may apply to the program as a practicing physician up to 1 month prior to their start date.

Exceptions to the above requirements may be considered by the Committee upon request and will be adjudicated on a case-by-case basis.

HOW TO APPLY:

Saskatchewan Medical Association, 201 – 2174 Airport Drive, Saskatoon, SK S7L 6M6
rsprograms@sma.sk.ca

Applications should be submitted upon completion of the educational activity.

¹Rural is defined as having a population of approximately 10,000 or less, including Estevan and Weyburn.

²Regional communities include Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, Yorkton, Lloydminster, North Battleford, and Swift Current. For physicians practicing in Lloydminster, Alberta/Saskatchewan courses will be considered Saskatchewan training.

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