

GP Services Committee Preamble July 1, 2017

GPSC Initiated Listings

The following incentive payments are available to B.C.'s eligible family physicians. The purpose of the incentive payments is to improve patient care. GPSC retains the right to modify or change fees.

Unless otherwise identified in the individual fee description, physicians are eligible to participate in the incentive program if they are:

1. A general practitioner who has a valid BC MSP practitioner number
2. Currently in general practice in BC as a full service family physician;
3. The most responsible family physician for the majority of the patient's longitudinal general practice care; and
4. Practitioners who have billed any specialty consultation fee in the previous 12 months are not eligible.

Additional detailed eligibility requirements are identified in each section.

GPSC defines a "Full Service Family Physician" (FSFP) as the FP who provides continuous comprehensive care to his/her patients and takes responsibility for the coordination of care needs for these patients. It is not about any specific set of services being provided by a specific individual; however, if the FP does not provide a particular service needed at any given time (e.g. Obstetrics) the FSFP will coordinate the referral to a colleague who is able to provide that service in a shared care arrangement with the FSFP until such time as that particular service is no longer required.

For the purposes of its incentives, GPSC defines Physicians working on Alternative Payment Program (APP) as those working under Health Authority paid APP contracts. Agreements to pool FFS billings and pay out physicians in a mutually acceptable way (e.g. per day, per shift, per hour, etc) are not considered APP by GPSC. If services supported and paid through GPSC incentives are already included in a sessional, salary or service contract then they are not billable in addition.

For the purposes of its incentives, the GPSC defines a GP with Specialty Training as "A GP who has specialty training and who provides services in that specialty area through a health authority supported or approved program".

For the purposes of its incentives, when referring to Allied Care Providers, GPSC includes trained professionals with a scope of practice that allows the provision of medical and medically related services to patients. Examples include but are not limited to: Physicians; Nurses; Nurse Practitioners; Mental Health Workers; Psychologists; Clinical Counsellors; School Counsellors; Social Workers; Registered Dietitians; Physiotherapists; Occupational Therapists; and Pharmacists etc.

For the purpose of its incentives, GPSC defines Patient's Medical Representative as outlined in the "Health Care (Consent) and Care Facility (Admission) Act"

Representative means a person authorized by a representation agreement to make or help in making decisions on behalf of another and includes an alternate representative.

Temporary Substitute decision makers (Alternate Representative) in listed order, of the following who is available and qualifies under subsection 16(2):

- (a) the adult's spouse
- (b) the adult's child
- (c) the adult's parent
- (d) the adult's brother or sister
- (d.1) the adult's grandparent
- (d.2) the adult's grandchild
- (e) anyone else related by birth or adoption to the adult
- (f) a close friend of the adult
- (g) a person immediately related to the adult by marriage

For the purpose of its incentives when referring to assisted living, GPSC utilizes the ministry definition as found at: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/accessing-health-care/home-community-care/care-options-and-cost/assisted-living>

For the purpose of its incentives, GPSC considers patients living in group homes to be living in community.