

RURAL LOCUM PROGRAM CHANGES

Effective October 1, 2008, changes to B.C.'s Rural General Practitioner and Rural Specialist Locum Programs will provide further support for physicians practicing in eligible rural communities across the province. The breakdown of changes for both programs is:

RURAL GP LOCUM PROGRAM	
CURRENT PROGRAM	CHANGES OCTOBER 1, 2008
Minimum daily rate for all rural communities: \$750	Minimum daily rate scaled by community isolation category: A = \$900 / day B = \$850 / day C = \$800 / day D = \$750 / day
No premiums for enhanced skills.	Additional premiums paid to locums for enhanced skills required by rural hospitals: \$100 / day for General Surgery and/or Anesthesia \$50 / day for Emergency Room and/or Obstetrics
Maximum locum days for host physicians for all eligible rural communities: 28 days	Maximum locum days for host physicians scaled by community isolation category: A = 43 days B = 38 days C = 33 days D = 28 days
RURAL SPECIALIST LOCUM PROGRAM	
CURRENT PROGRAM	CHANGES OCTOBER 1, 2008
Daily rate paid to specialist locums: \$1000 / day	Daily rate paid to specialist locums: \$1200 / day
Maximum locum days for host specialist physicians: 28 days	Maximum locum days for host specialist physicians: 35 days

If you have detailed questions, you can contact the Physician Compensation Rural Practice Program at the BC Ministry of Health Services by telephone at 250-952-1104.