



# DO YOU NEED A SPECIALIST LOCUM?

Ministry of Health Services  
Rural Health

## Eligibility

You may be eligible for the **Rural Specialist Locum Program (RSLP)** if you live and practice in a designated specialist center with fewer than five (5) specialists in the following specialties:

Anaesthesia, General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Orthopedics, Pediatrics, and Obstetrics.

Designated specialist centres include:  
Campbell River, Comox, Courtenay, Cranbrook, Dawson Creek, Fort St. John, Kitimat, Nelson, Port Alberni, Powell River, Prince George, Prince Rupert, Quesnel, Smithers, Terrace, Trail and Williams Lake.

Do you need a reliable qualified locum so you can take time off for a vacation, a break from on-call duties or for continuing medical education? The **RSLP** can help!

## INTERESTED.....NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Please contact:

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Rural Specialist Locum Program  
Ministry of Health Services  
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## Advantages of Using the Program

- There is no fee to the host specialist for using the **RSLP**.
- You keep forty (40) percent of the Medical Services Plan paid claims to cover your office overhead, except when locum is solely covering your on-call schedule, as designated by the health authority.
- No payment hassles – we pay the locum and the health authority pays travel costs.
- Our locums have rural training and/or experience.

## *Criteria for Using the Program*

- You must be a specialist licensed to practice medicine in British Columbia.
- Be a member in good standing with the Canadian Medical Protective Association.
- Reside and practice, on a full-time basis, in an eligible community.
- Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Certification.
- Enrolled in the Medical Services Plan.

## *How Often Can I use the Program?*

- Each rural specialist meeting the criteria can request up to four (4) weeks of locum services per year each request must be for a minimum of two (2) days.

See next page for Claims Submissions and Payment Process information.

## ***RURAL SPECIALIST LOCUM PROGRAM CLAIMS SUBMISSIONS AND PAYMENT PROCESS***

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### **Office-Based Services:**

- ◇ An assignment form must be completed by the specialist locum (please do not submit a regular assignment form), and faxed to the attention of Sandra Walker at 250.952.1391.
- ◇ Claims must be submitted using the host physician payment number and the locum physician Medical Services Plan (MSP) practitioner number.
- ◇ The host physician is expected to submit claims within two (2) weeks of the end date of the locum assignment and refused claims within two (2) weeks of the refusal date.
- ◇ The host physician must provide the locum with a detailed reconciliation of claims submitted.
- ◇ The locum receives the greater amount of sixty (60) percent of paid claims or \$1,000 per day.
- ◇ The host physician receives forty (40) percent of paid claims and payment will be made by Rural Health and MSP on the regular payment dates.
- ◇ Reimbursement of those services not covered by MSP (i.e., private, ICBC, WCB and Reciprocal billings) should be paid directly to the locum by the host physician less the amount recovered for overhead prior to the locum leaving the locum assignment.

### **On-Call Availability Services:**

- ◇ Locums providing solely on-call availability services, as required by the health authority (HA), will receive the greater amount of \$1,000 per day or one hundred (100) percent of paid claims, with top-ups on a quarterly basis.
- ◇ Specialist locums under the RSLP will be assigned an additional payment number which will only be used for locum assignments when the locum is only covering the host physicians' on-call schedule, as designated by the HA.
- ◇ Host physicians do not receive forty (40) percent of paid claims when the locum is only covering the host physician's on-call schedule, as designated by the HA.

### **Office-Based and On-call Availability Services:**

- ◇ Rural Health will pay the locum's daily rate and travel time honorarium and the HA will pay the locum travel and accommodation costs.
  - ◇ The locum receives the applicable Medical On-Call / Availability Program (MOCAP) payment from the health authority / host physician.
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