

# SPECIALIST LOCUM OPPORTUNITIES

Are you interested in adding some variety to your practice? If you are specialized in Anaesthesia, General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Orthopedics, Pediatrics or Obstetrics, the **Rural Specialist Locum Program (RSLP)** requests your services.

The **RSLP**, established by the BC Ministry of Health Services assists eligible specialists in the designated specialist centres to secure subsidized vacation relief, attend continuing medical education courses and take a break from on-call availability requirements.

Designated specialist centres:  
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.

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

Please contact:

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## **The Compensation Package**

- ❖ A guaranteed daily rate of \$1,000 for each day you are on assignment – including any scheduled “on-call” days.
- ❖ All travel expenses, plus a travel honorarium of up to \$1,000 per return trip based on your travel time.

## **Other Benefits**

- ❖ No payment hassles – you will receive a cheque from the Medical Services Plan every two (2) weeks.
- ❖ Responsibility for submitting claims to the Medical Services Plan rests with the office of the physician you are replacing.
- ❖ Our helpful staff arranges all of your assignments and assists you with your hospital privileges.
- ❖ The health authority will prearrange your accommodation while on assignments.
- ❖ You are eligible to receive payment for on-call availability services and retention premiums from the health authority/Host Physician.
- ❖ You will be retained as an independent contractor with the Program – not as an employee.

## **Qualifications**

In order to qualify to work in the Rural Specialist Locum Program; a physician must have the appropriate certificates:

- ❖ Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada;
- ❖ Certified and licensed to practise in British Columbia;
- ❖ Enrolled in and continue to be enrolled in MSP for the duration of the contract;
- ❖ A resident of British Columbia through the duration of your contract;
- ❖ A member in good standing of the Canadian Medical Protective Association;
- ❖ Certified in ACLS and ATLS or willing to obtain certification.

The *Application to Provide Rural Specialist Locum Services* form is a requirement.

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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