

Memorandum / Note de service

To: Fee for Service (FFS) Physicians

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At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Health PEI rolled out a fee-for-service base financial support program for fee-for-service (FFS) physicians, beginning on March 16, 2020. This program was developed to ensure you were able to contend with the significant financial impact of COVID-19 and the move to essential services. Since the week of May 4, non-essential services across Health PEI have been gradually reintroduced as we ease back on restrictions.

Following PEI entering Phase 3 of the Renew PEI plan effective June 1, 2020, Health PEI is modifying the temporary support measures for FFS physicians. From June 1 to June 12, 2020, FFS physicians who claim the daily rate of financial support will be required to reimburse Health PEI the difference of daily support received and the actual amount shadow-billed on that particular day.

For example, a General Practice physician who claims the daily rate of \$1,000 on a given day, yet only shadow bills \$800 on that day, will be required to reimburse Health PEI the difference of \$200 before the end of the fiscal year.

All advance payments will be recovered from future physician's billings in five equal installments, beginning November 1, 2020.

We know you are doing what you can to get back to new normal services – including the opportunity to use virtual care. In the coming days, we will be sending along more information about how to provide safe services in your offices and clinics as we move closer to full service levels.