



Information Sheet for Applicants

Relocation Grant for Physicians

Program Description

The purpose of the Saskatchewan Health Relocation Grant Program for Physicians is to provide funding to physicians who agree to provide the equivalent of a one-year of full time practice return in service commitment in Saskatchewan (as per the terms stipulated in the Relocation Grant for Physicians Agreement).

Amount of the Grant

Physicians who provide practice in Saskatchewan and who meet all eligibility requirements may receive a one-time grant payment of \$5,000. The grant payment is a taxable benefit.

Return in Service (RIS)

Physicians who receive grants must commit to provide the equivalent of one year of full time practice in Saskatchewan (per the terms stipulated in the Relocation Grant for Physicians Agreement).

Each one-year equivalent of full time practice RIS commitment must be provided within two years.

Failure to fulfill the RIS commitment will result in default, requiring repayment of grant funds including interest at the rate and terms stipulated in the Relocation Grant for Physicians Agreement.

The RIS takes effect on the start date of commencing practice within Saskatchewan, or immediately after any previous Saskatchewan Health bursary or Saskatchewan Medical Association RIS (or any other prior Saskatchewan Health RIS) commitment has been fulfilled.

If a physician receives Relocation Grant and a Northern/Rural/Hard to Recruit “work” Grant, he/she must provide the RIS to the Relocation Grant first, as per the Agreement. For each Saskatchewan Health grant that is accessed, the RIS is to be provided consecutively (one after the other), in order of the signed agreements, or as approved by the Grant Committee.

If an applicant has a pre-existing RIS service agreement with any other program, the RIS may be provided concurrently, or as per the discretion of the administrators of such a program.

Eligibility of Applicants and Application Process

Physicians must meet the eligibility requirements of each grant accessed. Eligibility criteria are set annually and updated periodically by the Relocation and Northern/Rural/Hard to Recruit Grant Program Committee. The following section outlines eligibility criteria and documentation that must be submitted to Saskatchewan Health for applications to be considered.



In order to be eligible to apply, Applicants:

- Must not have been awarded a Saskatchewan Health Relocation Grant previously.
- Must apply within one year of commencing practice within Saskatchewan (the position must have commenced after the start date of the Grant Program on October 18th, 2006).
- Must have lived and worked outside of Saskatchewan for a minimum of one year prior to applying.
- Must provide written documentation from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Saskatchewan of licensure status.
- Must provide written verification from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Saskatchewan of the successful completion of the Clinicians Assessment and Practice Enhancement (CAPE) Program (if required to complete a CAPE program by the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Saskatchewan).
- Must provide written verification of privilege status with the health region.
- *Must provide written verification of working in a group practice (3 physicians or more) or a primary health care team.

* Applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Applicants who are practicing in a solo practice must provide a written explanation and description of the practice, which will be reviewed by the Relocation and Northern/Rural/Hard to Recruit Grant Committee.

Approved Eligible Employers

- Physicians are considered their own eligible employer within the Province of Saskatchewan for the purposes of this Grant Program
- Regional Health Authorities: Cypress, Five Hills, Heartland, Kelsey Trail, Prairie North, Prince Albert Parkland, Regina Qu'Appelle, Saskatoon, Sun Country, Sunrise, and Athabasca
- The Saskatchewan Cancer Agency
- *Affiliates of the Regional Health Authorities
- *Indian Bands
- *Tribal Councils
- *Provincial Government (for designated positions)
- *Health Canada (for designated positions)
- Any other employer that provides publicly funded health services and has been approved by the Minister of Health

* The list of eligible employers will evolve as the Grant Program is implemented.

Selection of Applicants

- All applicants are screened to determine their eligibility.
- Grant awards are decided on a case-by-case basis until all grant monies available are awarded, or until the targets are reached for the Grant Program. The Grant Program is evaluated and updated on an ongoing basis.

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