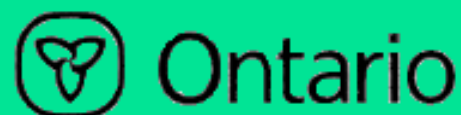


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Subject **CHANGES TO THE SYSTEM OF DISCOUNTED FEES FOR PHYSICIANS**

1. AREAS DESIGNATED OVERSUPPLIED FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

Further to Bulletin #4298, changes have been made to the system of discounted fees which affects certain new physicians practising in oversupplied areas of the province.

Effective August 27, 1998, the following areas are designated as oversupplied for **General Practitioners**:

City of Toronto*	City of Vanier
City of Kingston*	City of Kanata
City of Ottawa	Village of Rockcliffe Park
City of Nepean	City of London

* includes amalgamated townships/cities .

2. AREAS DESIGNATED OVERSUPPLIED FOR SPECIALISTS

Effective August 27, 1998, the following areas are designated as oversupplied for the Royal College certified **specialists** below:

Dermatologist

City of Toronto*
Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton

Ophthalmologist

Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton

Paediatrician (except sub-specialists)

City of Toronto*
Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton
City of Kingston*
County of Middlesex

The effective date for these changes is July 1, 1998. Replacement pages for the Schedule of Benefits will follow. The amended Schedule will be available on the Ministry's Web Site (www.gov.on.ca/health) in July.

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Psychiatrist

City of Toronto*

Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton

City of Kingston*

County of Middlesex

* includes amalgamated townships/cities .

3. AREAS FORMERLY DESIGNATED OVERSUPPLIED

Effective August 27, 1998, the following areas are no longer designated over-supplied. Services rendered on or after August 27, 1998 will no longer be subject to discounted fees:

General Practitioners

City of Burlington

City of Gloucester

City of Oakville

Neurologist

Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton

Otolaryngologist

City of Toronto*

Paediatrician

Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth

* includes amalgamated townships/cities .

4. EXEMPTIONS

Effective **December 16, 1996**, the following exemptions to the discounted fee system apply to a physician (*items in italics refer to changes or additions*):

- who entered into a binding agreement on or before December 15, 1996 to practise in a designated oversupplied area.
- who has an agreement with an Academic Health Science Centre that includes a commitment to research, teach and/or carry out other academic activities of at least 20 hours per week;
- who falls within one of the domains of medical practice identified below:

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- a psychiatrist who receives a majority of gross income from insured services provided to patients under 20 years old or 60 years or more, or in a mental health facility listed in Schedule 1,2 or 3 of Regulation 741 under the Mental Health Act;
- *a physician who receives the majority of gross income from insured services provided to patients of provincial outpatient HIV clinics listed in Schedule 21 of Regulation 552 under the Health Insurance Act, whether or not the services are rendered at the clinic;*
- *a physician who receives the majority of gross income from insured services provided to persons who are deaf or have severe hearing loss, or who provide insured services to the dependent children who are less than 19 years of age of parents who are deaf or have severe hearing loss;*
- *who for at least six consecutive weeks, under a written agreement, provides insured services as a locum tenens in an oversupplied area on behalf of a physician whose practice is not subject to discounted fees and who is taking a leave of absence in relation to the birth or adoption of a child. The basic fee payable for the service is decreased by 2.9 per cent for insured services provided on or after December 16, 1996 but before February 1, 1998.*

Effective **August 27, 1998**, the following exemptions to the discounted fee system apply to a physician:

- who entered into a binding agreement on or before August 26, 1998 to practise as an ophthalmologist in a designated oversupplied area;
- who receives the majority of gross income from insured services provided to patients of an emergency department in a public hospital;
- who for at least six consecutive weeks, under a written agreement, provides insured services as a locum tenens in an oversupplied area on behalf of a physician whose practice is not subject to discounted fees and who is taking a leave of absence for the reasons set out below:
 - birth or adoption of a child
 - serious illness of the physician
 - serious illness of the physician's immediate family member
- who for at least six consecutive weeks and not more than 26 consecutive weeks, under a written agreement, provides insured services as a locum tenens in an oversupplied area on behalf of a physician whose practice is not subject to discounted fees and who is practising

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part-time after taking a leave of absence for the reasons set out below:

- birth or adoption of a child
 - serious illness of the physician
 - serious illness of the physician's immediate family member
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- who for at least six consecutive weeks and not more than 26 weeks, under a written agreement, provides insured services as a locum tenens in an oversupplied area on behalf of a physician whose practice is not subject to discounted fees and who has died.

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