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Subject **Changes for Automated Malpractice Reimbursement Payments**

The automation of malpractice fee reimbursements for members of the Canadian Medical Protective Association (CMPA) was introduced for the 2001 coverage year. The following conditions must have been met in order to select an automated payment option:

- be a member of the CMPA
 - have a ministry billing number
 - be registered for direct bank deposit under a solo billing number
- have completed the CMPA Authorization to Transfer Information and the ministry Reimbursement Participation Form

The following changes for participation in automated payment options are effective March 01, 2002.

- Physicians will no longer require a ministry billing number in order to participate in an automated payment option.
- Physicians are no longer required to use the bank account registered under their solo billing number for the direct deposit of their malpractice reimbursement payment.
 - If you wish to continue using the bank account registered under the solo billing number for your malpractice reimbursement no action is required
 - If you wish the reimbursement deposited to a different bank account you must complete a Direct Bank Payment form and specify on the form that the account is to be used for malpractice reimbursement payments only. The completed form and void cheque should be forwarded to the Information Processing Unit (see next page for address).
 - The ministry will continue to report malpractice reimbursement payments to individual physicians only. All reporting of reimbursement payments to a third party, such as a billing group is the responsibility of the physician.

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These changes will provide more physicians with the opportunity to participate in the program using an automated payment option provided that all ministry eligibility requirements are met.

To be Eligible for Reimbursement under the Ontario Reimbursement Program you must:

- Be a resident of Canada during the coverage period; Practice in Ontario during the coverage period; **and**,
- Be licensed by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO).

To be Eligible for Reimbursement using an Automated Payment Option you must:

- Meet all eligibility requirements for reimbursement in the Ontario Reimbursement Program;
- Be a member of the Canadian Medical Protective Association (CMPA);
- Be registered for Direct Bank Deposit with the ministry either exclusively for malpractice reimbursement or using the solo billing number account; **and**,
- Be registered for an automated payment option with both the CMPA and the ministry.

A revised Reimbursement Program Reference Sheet and Question and Answer sheet are attached. If you require further information, please contact: Information Processing Unit Coordinator

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Frequently Asked Questions

	Question	Answer
1	When does this change become effective?	The change is effective March 1, 2002.
2	How do I register banking information to be used exclusively for my malpractice reimbursement?	Complete an application for Direct Bank Payment, attach a void cheque for the account and forward to your local ministry office. Specify on the form the account is to be used for malpractice reimbursement payments only.
3	Can I continue to use the bank account registered on my solo billing number for my malpractice reimbursement?	Yes, we will continue to use the bank account registered under the solo billing number unless instructed otherwise.
4	Does this change mean I can use different bank accounts for my medical claims payments and for my malpractice reimbursement payment?	Yes.
5	Can I have just my malpractice reimbursement paid by direct deposit and payment by cheque for claims payment?	Yes. Specify on the application for direct Bank Payment the account is for malpractice reimbursements only.
6	Can I register for direct bank deposit for my malpractice reimbursement even if I don't have a MOHLTC billing number?	Yes. A billing number is no longer a requirement for direct bank deposit for reimbursement payments.
7	Are there any restrictions to what bank account I can use for my malpractice reimbursement?	No, there are no restrictions provided the proper authorizations are received.
8	Can I use the bank account registered on my group billing number?	Yes, but it must be registered separately from your group billing number. An application for Direct Bank Payment must be completed indicating the account will be used for malpractice reimbursement payments.
9	Why can I automatically use my solo billing account but not my group billing account?	The ministry does not have payment agreements with groups for reimbursements, only individual physicians. We must receive specific instructions to deposit reimbursement payments to a third party.

10	Will the group receive itemized reporting for malpractice reimbursement payments?	No. The ministry will continue to report malpractice reimbursement payments to individual physicians only. All reporting to a third party is the responsibility of the physician
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Malpractice Reimbursement Program Payment Options

Reimbursement	Options Description	Requirements
Option A : Early Annual Reimbursement	- Physicians pay their Canadian Medical Protective Association (CMPA) annual fee in full by January 1st of the coverage year with a post-dated cheque dated May 1st. - Information related to malpractice fee payment is transmitted electronically to the ministry from CMPA. - The full reimbursement entitlement is paid in the current coverage year prior to the deposit of the physician's post-dated cheques.	- Licensed with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and practice in Ontario during the coverage period - Classified as a practicing physician by the CMPA (Type of Work Code not 12, 13 or 14) - Registered with the ministry and CMPA for Option A - Registered with the ministry for direct bank deposit
Option B : Quarterly Reimbursement	- Physicians pay their CMPA fees either monthly or annually. - Information related to malpractice fee payment is transmitted electronically to the ministry from CMPA. - Reimbursement entitlement is paid in 4 equal payments over the course of the coverage year.	- Licensed with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and practice in Ontario during the coverage period - Registered with the ministry and CMPA for Option B - Registered with the ministry for direct bank deposit

Option C :
Regular Annual
Reimbursement

- Physicians pay their fees/ premiums either monthly or annually.
- Applications for reimbursement are mailed to physicians in January following the coverage year.
- A reimbursement application is completed and sent to the MOHLTC following the coverage year.
- Reimbursement payment is made within 8 weeks of receipt of a completed application.
- Licensed with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and practice in Ontario during the coverage period
- Registered with the ministry and CMPA for Option C
- Completed ministry application for reimbursement received by MOHLTC by June 30 following the coverage year
- Proof of malpractice fee/ premium paid i.e., CMPA Acknowledgement or receipt of premium paid if with another carrier

Once selected the reimbursement payment option shall remain in effect until such time as a signed authorization is received to cancel and/or modify the selection.

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