Access Bonus Adjustment Payment

The 2008 Physicians Services Agreement (PSA) includes a provision (section 5.7.2) which is intended to provide relief for harmonized physicians from outside use impacts on the access bonus payment arising from focused practice physicians who have not received a General Practitioner (GP) Focus Practice designation. Upon completion of a detailed review of the requirements to implement this provision, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) and the ministry identified significant system implementation challenges. Both organizations agreed to implement an alternative approach for providing relief to outside use impacts: the payment of an Access Bonus Adjustment Payment.

To be eligible to receive the Access Bonus Adjustment Payment a physician must have a signatory affiliation to a Patient Enrolment Model with an outside use/access bonus component as of March 31 each year.

The first Access Bonus Adjustment Payment to signatory physicians in an eligible model as of March 31, 2011, combines the 2009¹ ($300,000) and 2010 ($600,000) allocations and is calculated as follows:

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\frac{900,000}{\text{Total number of eligible physicians}} = \text{Access Bonus Adjustment Payment}
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A combined 2009/10 access bonus adjustment payment of $237.91 will appear on the July 2011 Solo remittance advice under the accounting transaction

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For general questions about this payment please contact Primary Health Care Branch 1 866-766-0266

¹ 2009 allocation is for October 2009-March 31, 2010 only