

INFOBulletin

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To: Physicians, Registered Nurse Practitioners, Hospitals and Clinics

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Re: Hospital On-Call Coverage (HOCC) Program - Payment Discount

In accordance with the negotiated terms of the *2012 Physician Services Agreement (2012 PSA)* between the Ontario Medical Association and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, a 0.5% discount will be applied to HOCC program physician payments effective April 1, 2013. As per the 2012 PSA, this discount may be reduced if additional savings are identified in the physician services budget.

Funding beginning April 1, 2013 will be adjusted to reflect the following values (payment value less 0.5% discount):

Rurality & GP/Anaesthesia Premiums

\$15,000 (less \$75) annually to each eligible hospital in addition to the on-call funding as set out below.

Enhanced Program Funding

Number of Group Physicians	Level I Current Annual (less 0.5% discount)	Level II Specialists Current Annual (less 0.5% discount)	Level III Specialists Current Annual (less 0.5% discount)	Level IV Specialists
5 or more	\$172,000 (less \$860) or \$91,730 (less \$459)*	\$172,000 (less \$860)	\$34,400 (less \$172)	Call-in fee of \$100.00 (less \$0.50) in addition to any other fee-for-service amounts which may be billed; limited to 2 call-in fees per calendar day.
4	\$155,945 (less \$780) or \$82,560 (less \$413)*	\$155,945 (less \$780)	\$32,105 (less \$161)	
3	\$137,600 (less \$688) or \$75,680 (less \$378)*	\$137,600 (less \$688)	\$30,960 (less \$155)	
2	\$137,600 (less \$688) or \$68,800 (less \$344)*	\$137,600 (less \$688)	\$27,520 (less \$138)	
1	\$103,200 (less \$516) or \$57,330 (less \$287)*	\$103,200 (less \$516)	\$18,345 (less \$92)	

Base Program Funding

Number of Group Physicians	Level I Current Annual (less 0.5% discount)	Level II Specialists Current Annual (less 0.5% discount)	Level III Specialists Current Annual (less 0.5% discount)	Level IV Specialists
5 or more	\$75,000 (less \$375) or \$40,000 (less \$200)*	\$75,000 (less \$375)	\$15,000 (less \$75)	Call-in fee of \$100.00 (less \$0.50) in addition to any other fee-for-service amounts which may be billed; limited to 2 call-in fees per calendar day.
4	\$68,000 (less \$340) or \$36,000 (less \$180)*	\$68,000 (less \$340)	\$14,000 (less \$70)	
3	\$60,000 (less \$300) or \$33,000 (less \$165)*	\$60,000 (less \$300)	\$13,500 (less \$68)	
2	\$60,000 (less \$300) or \$30,000 (less \$150)*	\$60,000 (less \$300)	\$12,000 (less \$60)	
1	\$45,000 (less \$225) or \$25,000 (less \$125)*	\$45,000 (less \$225)	\$8,000 (less \$40)	

* For Physicians providing on-call in Level A, B, 1, 2 or 3 Hospitals (as set out in the Alternative Funding Agreement for Emergency Services)

Contact Information

Further details relating to this program may be obtained by contacting the HOCC Program at:

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Additionally, inquiries may be directed to the OMA at: Negotiations@oma.org