

INFOBulletin

Keeping health care providers informed of payment, policy or program changes

To: All Physicians, Hospitals, Clinics and Laboratories

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Re: Physician On-Call in Long-Term Care (POC) 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 (the Ministry), a 0.5% discount will be applied to POC 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 for the period April 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 will be calculated with the annual formula set out below and prorated for the 9 month period. Annual funding thereafter will be based on the following:

- (i) \$12,500 (less \$62.50) annually for homes with 29 beds or less;
- (ii) \$15,000 (less \$75.00) annually for homes with more than 29 beds and less than 150 beds, or
- (iii) \$100 (less \$0.50) per bed annually for homes with 150 beds or more.

Revised POC Program Guidelines and a Question & Answer document have been posted to the Long-Term Care Homes website (www.LTChomes.net).

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Ministry at OnCall@ontario.ca.

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

