

RFPMLP

Rural Family Practice Maternity Locum Program

The **Rural Family Practice Maternity Locum Program** supports eligible rural family physicians (FPs) who provide intrapartum maternity care services secure subsidized periods of leave from their practices for purposes such as Continuing Medical Education (CME), vacation and medical leave. Administration of the RFPMLP program is “paper-based” using online PDF forms and documents.



RFPMLP Policy (PDF)

Questions, or for a list of available RFPMLP locum assignments contact Locums for Rural BC (LRBC).

Email:

info@locumruralbc.ca
or call 1.877.357.4757

Host Physicians – Eligibility:

To obtain FP maternity locum assistance, a host physician must:

- Be a FP licensed to practice medicine in BC.
- Be a member in good standing with the Canadian Medical Protective Association (CMPA), College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC (CPSBC), and the regional HA.
- Enroll and remain enrolled with the Medical Services Plan (MSP).
- Provide regular and ongoing intrapartum maternity care services as recognized by the HA and have been granted privileges to practice in that same specialty area in a hospital in a designated rural community, and actively participate in providing on-call support in the designated core service area.
- No physician may access the Rural Locum Programs simultaneously.

Requesting Services

- Physicians compensated through MSP and APP contracts may request locums through LRBC, provided they and their community meet the eligibility criteria.
- Eligible host physicians can request up to a maximum of 35 days of locum coverage per fiscal year. Each request must be at least 2 days in duration.
- If the HA deems a position a “job-share,” the physicians sharing the position may be eligible to share the RFPMLP locum days provided they meet the other eligibility requirements.
- FP maternity services must routinely be provided by the host physician and be required by rural hospitals in order to be requested.
- The ability of LRBC to fill RFPMLP locum requests is subject to the availability of locum physicians and program funding

Host Physician/Clinic Forms

[RFPMLP Request for Locum Assistance](#) (PDF)

Complete, sign and return requests for locum assistance to LRBC by email or fax: Email info@locumruralbc.ca or fax 1.877.387.4757

Community Eligibility

To obtain locum assistance, a community must:

- Be an A or B designated community in the RSA.
- Be a community supported by the Rural Obstetrics and Maternity Network (ROAM).
- Be more than 70km from the nearest major medical centre (MMC) where either specialists or FPs provide similar core services. MMCs for the purpose of this program are Kamloops, Kelowna, Nanaimo, Vancouver, Victoria, Abbotsford, and Prince George.
 - Despite being an RSA B ROAM community, Prince George is not eligible for the RFPMLP.

Locum Physicians – Eligibility:

- Be licensed to practice in BC in a manner that is consistent with the core specialty locum services to be provided.
- Reside in BC for the duration of their RFPMLP assignment.
- Be a member in good standing with the CMPA, CPSBC and the regional HA.
- Enroll and remain enrolled with MSP.
- Be formally credentialed and granted privileges by the applicable HA to practice in a rural hospital(s) in one or more of the designated core specialty areas.
- Not live or regularly practice the core specialty in the rural community where the locum service is to be provided.
- Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) and Fetal Health Surveillance (FHS) are required.
- Advances in Labour and Risk Management (ALARM) and Advanced Life Support In Obstetrics (ALSO) are preferred but not required.

Locum physicians will provide service in the host community for the duration of each assignment, including the provision of on-call/availability services as per HA requirements.

To Apply

To apply to work as a locum physician with RFPMLP, you will be required to submit:

- A signed application form: [Application to Provide RFPMLP Locum Services](#) (PDF)
- Proof of current licensure with the [College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia](#).
- Proof of current malpractice insurance with the CMPA.
- Your MSP billing number.
- Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) and Fetal Health Surveillance (FHS) are required
- Advances in Labour and Risk Management (ALARM) and Advanced Life Support In Obstetrics (ALSO) are preferred but not required.

Email or fax application and documentation to LRBC:

Email info@locumsruralbc.ca or fax 1.877.387.4757

Once your application has been completed, and all accompanying documentation has been received, you will be notified of your registration status.

After you have been accepted into the program, you will be sent a service agreement which must be signed and returned to our office prior to the commencement of a locum assignment. This service agreement is renewed annually.



RFPMLP Payments



Assignment of Payment (PDF)

The locum physician agrees to assign payment for office-based services to the host physician's payment number for services provided while on assignment. The host physician is responsible for submitting claims to MSP within two weeks after the end of the locum assignment and refuse claims within two weeks of the refusal date.

For hospital-based/on-call locum assignments, the locum must apply for an additional MSP payment number and bill fee-for-service claims under that payment number for the duration of the assignment.

An Assignment of Payment is a legal agreement through which a practitioner designates that MSP payments for his/her services are to be made to another practitioner or group such as a clinic or hospital.

Assignment of Payment must be submitted to the Locums for Rural BC office prior to the commencement of the locum assignment.

Application for Payment of Daily Rate (PDF)

RFPMLP locum physicians are paid a guaranteed daily rate from **\$1,375 – \$1,788** dependent upon the community. In general, the higher the number of rural points a community receives, the higher the daily rate. For more information regarding specific rates for rural communities, please contact Locums for Rural BC.

In cases where a certified Obstetrics & Gynecology specialist provides coverage for a FP, the locum will be paid a guaranteed daily rate of **\$1,875** plus the RRP Fee Premium will be applied to the daily rate.

Travel Time Honorarium (PDF)

Travel time for locum physicians will be reimbursed follows: (return trip)

Less than 2.5 hours	\$250
2.5 to 4 hours	\$500
4 to 10 hours	\$1,000
Over 10 hours	\$1,500 maximum

Outbound Travel time is calculated from the time the physician leaves their primary residence (contract address) to the arrival time in the community. Inbound travel time is calculated from the time the physician leaves the community to the arrival time back to their primary residence (contract address), to a maximum of \$1,500 per return trip.

Travel time honorarium is payable within B.C. borders only. OOP travel time is calculated as follows:

Motor vehicle: from the time when the vehicle crosses the BC border.

Air: from the time when the airplane lands for the first time in BC.

Reimbursement Guidelines

[Application for Expenses \(PDF\)](#)

Expenses must be paid directly when incurred and then claimed for reimbursement. Expenses are eligible for reimbursement for only one return trip. For a difficult to recruit locum assignment, travel originating outside of BC may be reimbursed up to \$1,000 for the out-of-province portion. Expense claims are for locum travel only.

Accommodation

Reimbursement for accommodations while providing locum service under the rural locum programs in an A or B community will be paid for the duration of the assignment in accordance with the approved list of accommodations offering government rates.

[Government rates](#) will be applied. Copies of receipts are required.

Note: Pre-paid accommodation booking by Locums for Rural BC staff is recommended. Contact travel@locumsruralbc.ca for assistance.

Vehicles

The policy for reimbursing vehicle expenses incurred by locum physicians is:

- Car rental (economy class) will be reimbursed in A and B communities where it is necessary for a locum physician to rent a vehicle. Exceptions are made in situations with bad road conditions where it may be necessary to rent a 4-wheel drive or car with mud/snow or winter rated tires.

Personal vehicle use will be reimbursed at 63 cents/km while providing locum services in the community under the rural locum program in an A or B community only.

Meal Allowance

To be claimed only while on travel status during a mealtime:

Breakfast before	7:00	\$25.50
Lunch before	12:00	\$25.50
Dinner after	18:00	\$32.25
Breakfast and Lunch		\$37.00
Breakfast and Dinner		\$46.75
Lunch and Dinner		\$46.75
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner		\$63.75
Incidentals (only if no meals)		\$15.00

Out of Province (OOP) Travel Allowance

Locums travelling from outside of British Columbia (BC) whose primary residential address is outside of BC, may be eligible for out-of-province (OOP) expenses reimbursement up to \$1,000 for round-trip travel. OOP travel expenses that may be eligible for reimbursement include airfare, mileage, airport parking, and taxis.

OOP travel is calculated as follows:

Motor vehicle: from the time when the vehicle crosses the BC border.

Air: from the time when the airplane lands for the first time in BC.

Family/Partner

Expenses for family members are not covered and any additional costs are the responsibility of the locum physician.

Pets

Locum physicians must contact the facility to determine if pets are allowed. Any additional costs are the responsibility of the locum physician.