

# Physician Services Agreement Summary

Here is the summary of the agreement affecting family physicians including a timeline on when changes will come into effect.

Deliverable	Impact	Date
<b>FHO Managed Entry</b>	Increase of 40 new spots per month available. High needs area remain a priority, but half of the spots will be open to all family physicians.	April 1, 2022
	Minimum size for new FHO groups increases to six.	April 1, 2022
	Minimum size for existing FHO is six.	April 2023
<b>Compensation Increase</b>	Monthly lump-sum payments for Year 2 of 2.01 percent (compounded value of Year 1 and Year 2 increases).	April 1, 2022
	Permanent Year 1 and Year 2 compensation increase.	April 1, 2023
	Permanent Year 3 compensation increase.	April 1, 2025
<b>After Hours Requirements</b>	Changes to After Hours obligations effective three months after ratification. To view a comparison table of the new hours to the current hours, <a href="#">please download the PDF here</a> .	July 2022
<b>Modernized Booking System</b>	All FHOs and FHNs endeavor to have an online booking system available for their patients.	March 31, 2023
<b>Parameters for FHO Weekly Patient Access</b>	A new “Weekly Patient Access” measure will be implemented with no impact on payment and no consequences. The metric is 88 patient encounters/week (pro-rated for 1300 enrolled patients) with at least 60% being in-person visits.	July 2022
<b>Virtual Care</b>	Virtual K-codes are going away with permanent codes taking their place. There are some premiums that can be added to virtual visits, with more information to come from the Ministry.	Oct 1, 2022
<b>Preventive Care Bonus</b>	Bonus updates to account for patient’s co-morbidities.	April 1, 2024
<b>Fee-for-service Hard Cap</b>	Limits will be moved to the individual level, rather than being pooled in the group. Services that count towards the \$56,950 will not change.	April 1, 2024
<b>Billing Submission &amp; Reconciliation</b>	Claims for services rendered must be submitted within 3 months versus the 6 months. There will be no time limit to fix errors.	April 1, 2023

**QUESTIONS?**

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