

Notice to Physicians

INCOME STABILITY PROGRAM END DATE

The Department of Health and Wellness, Doctors Nova Scotia, IWK and the NSHA have worked together to address income stability for fee-for-service (FFS) physicians during COVID-19 through the voluntary Income Stability Program.

Please note that if you have participated in the program, the program will formally end on **July 13, 2020**.

Physician Income Stability Program Completion Q&A

Q: What is the last payment date under the Income Stability Program?

A: You will continue to receive regular bi-weekly Income Stability payments on June 30, 2020 and July 15, 2020. The last Income Stability payment will occur on July 29, 2020. The final payment on July 29, 2020 will include payments for the July 10 to July 13, 2020 time period.

Q: When will the final reconciliation and associated payment under the program be completed?

A: Physicians have 90 days to submit shadow claims associated with services provided during the program's effective period. The reconciliation will be completed after the 90 day submission window has closed. The associated payment date will be communicated at a later date.

Q: Should the Income Stability Program shadow billing business arrangement(s) (BA) continue to be used?

A: Your shadow billing BA(s) must still be used to submit any outstanding claims associated with services provided from March 13, 2020 to July 13, 2020.

Q: When can I start to use my existing FFS business arrangement(s) (BA) that I used prior to joining the Income Stability Program?

A: You may start to submit claims using your existing FFS BA(s) effective July 14, 2020 for services provided from July 14, 2020 onward.

Q: If my shadow billings under the program period exceed my Income Stability payments, how will my top-up be paid?

A: Any required top-up will be paid when the reconciliation process noted above is completed.