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Notice to Physicians: COVID-19 Immunization

At the present time, all physician work for COVID-19 immunization will be remunerated via sessional funding for the hours worked (at the GP rate of \$154.80 per hour presently). This includes vaccinations delivered in healthcare worker clinics, community clinics delivered by the NSHA or IWK, long term care facilities and any prototype clinics in physicians' offices.

Sessional funding claims should be submitted to Medavie on a weekly basis; however, all claims must be submitted within 90 days of service per the Physician Manual. Any claims submitted outside of this 90-day approval period are not payable. The claims must be reviewed and approved by an immunization clinic site manager or designate, or long-term care administrator or designate. Once approved, please submit the claim to Medavie for payment: afpclaims@medavie.bluecross.ca with alternate.funding@novascotia.ca copied. If you require the sessional form please send a request to afpclaims@medavie.bluecross.ca.

Work is underway to pilot immunization that is similar to the flu vaccine. At that time, payment will be fee for service and a bulletin will be provided with additional information.

Alternate Payment Plan (APP), Collaborative Emergency Centre (CEC) and Clinical/Academic Funding Plan (C/AFP) physicians will have the option to integrate any COVID-19 vaccination work into their existing contracted hours and be paid through their existing arrangement. Alternatively, they may request an exclusion from the Department of Health and Wellness (DHW) to deliver the vaccination services over and above their regular contracted hours. A request for exclusion must be approved by DHW by emailing: alternate.funding@novascotia.ca.