

ME=CARE RENEWAL

FAMILY PHYSICIAN ENHANCED OFFICE VISIT FEES: ME=CARE

On March 19th, 2018, DHW announced an enhanced fee for both office and geriatric visits for family physicians who are responsible for the comprehensive and continuous care of their patients. The enhanced fees are meant to differentiate this level of care from episodic care provided to walk-in patients. The enhanced fees are only available to family physicians who attest that they are providing comprehensive and continuous care.

We are undertaking a ME=CARE renewal and a new, signed declaration is required if you:

- Are a Family Physician licensed to practice in Nova Scotia;
- Provide full-scope family medicine to a panel of attached patients:
 - Have a panel of patients who would describe you as their “family doctor” and schedule appointments to see you.
 - Have an ongoing relationship as a primary care provider to your patients and ensure continuity in their medical care.
 - Maintain a primary health care record (chart) for each of your patients in the clinic to which the patient is attached.
- When appropriate, provide access to colleagues in your practice who may share the responsibility for providing care to your patients in your absence.

All family physicians who intend to use, or have been using, the enhanced fees are required to submit a new ME=CARE declaration in order to continue to be eligible to bill these enhanced fees.

Longitudinal Family Medicine (LFM) physicians:

If you are practising under a Longitudinal Family Medicine (LFM) contract, you do not need to complete a ME=CARE form as this funding model contractually obligates you to provide comprehensive and continuous care to a panel of patients.

Link to Declaration: <https://www.novascotia.ca/family-physician-mecare-declaration>

For questions regarding the declaration, please contact: physicianagreement@novascotia.ca