Practice Ready Assessment-BC Assessor Compensation

Program Overview

The Practice Ready Assessment – BC (PRA-BC) Program assesses clinically-skilled, internationally-trained family physicians so they may qualify as a family physician in B.C. Following successful completion of the 12-week clinical field assessment, participants complete a three-year Return of Service (ROS). The ROS supports equitable access to primary care services in across B.C.

The health authority identifies a primary and secondary assessor for each assessment. Where the primary/secondary assessors do not practice in the emergency department, an emergency department assessor and assessment site will also be identified for or 2 of the 12 weeks.

Program compensation

PRA-BC provides assessors **$1000.00 per week** of the assessment.

Longitudinal Family Physician (LFP) compensation

Under the LFP Payment Model, assessors can bill for:

- **Direct patient care time** ($130/hour) for time spent teaching PRA-BC participants concurrent with patient care (billing code 98010),
- **Indirect patient care time** ($130/hour) for clinical teaching arising from patient care (billing code 98011), and
- **Supervised patient interactions** provided by the PRA-BC participant, to a maximum of 50 per day. (The 50 per day maximum includes both patient interactions provided by the clinical learner and supervising physician.)

Please see Sections 27 (Clinical Teaching) and 28 (Services provided by Students, Residents and Trainees) of the LFP Payment Schedule for further details. To be receive LFP compensation, the assessor must be eligible for and enrolled in the LFP Payment Model. At this time, facility-based care is billed FFS as it is not currently included in LFP.

For more information

LFP Payment Model and LFP Payment Schedule

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