

Provincial Attachment System Incentive Payment update for Nurse Practitioners providing Longitudinal Primary Care

As you may know, the Provincial Attachment System (PAS) incentive payment for Nurse Practitioners (NPs) is made to eligible NPs who are providing longitudinal primary care regardless of whether they are on an NP service contract or are an employee. The way in which the payment is made will vary depending on the compensation mechanism.

Longitudinal Primary Care NPs on SERVICE CONTRACTS

NPs on service contracts that specify the PAS incentive payment, and who have completed the PAS requirements, will be paid according to the terms of their contract by the contract administrator (most often this will be a Health Authority Medical Affairs department). The terms of the service contract outline that NPs **are paid at the end of their year term if the PAS requirements have been verified as completed**. Please note, there are **two components** that must be completed for the initial PAS payment to be applied before year end:

- 1) Initial panel upload to PAS and submitting ongoing new attachment via use of PAS attachment \$0 fee code 98990 (along with facility ID).
- 2) Login to PAS panel registry: ensure your profile is up to date and enter how many patients you can attach in the next month in the monthly capacity rate field. Please note, if you do not have any capacity, you **must** enter "0" in monthly capacity rate field. For NPs on service contracts the "desired panel size" field should be pre-populated according to the target attachment noted in your contract. If it is not populated already, please enter the total amount of capacity for attachment as noted in year 3 of your contract. For more information on updating your panel capacity, please refer to the Update Panel Capacity user guide in PAS located here: <https://www.bchealthprovider.ca/s/article/Update-Panel-Capacity>

If you have **completed both of the PAS requirements above** and are an NP on amended or renewed service contract close to your year-end period, please contact your medical affairs / contract administrator to inquire about payment.

Longitudinal Primary Care NPs who are EMPLOYEES

NPs who are working as employees providing longitudinal primary care within the public system, regardless of where they are employed e.g., Health Authority (HA) employees, Community Health Centre (CHC) employees, population-based funded (PBF) clinic employees, who have completed the PAS requirements will be paid via the Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of British Columbia (NNPBC) Provincial Initiatives Program (PIP). Steps to receive payment via this method are outlined below.

Steps for Employed NPs:

- 1) Ensure you have completed **both PAS requirements** for initial payment. These include:
 - a. Initial panel upload to PAS and submitting ongoing new attachment via use of PAS attachment \$0 fee code 98990 (along with facility ID). For more information on how to do panel upload please see <https://www.nnpbc.com/pdfs/council-portals/np/pas/Info-for-NPs-employed-by-HA-working-in-HA-owned-&-operated.pdf>
 - b. Login to PAS panel registry: ensure your profile is up to date and enter how many patients you can attach in the next month in the monthly capacity rate field. Please note, if you do not have any capacity, you **must** enter "0" in the monthly capacity rate field. You must also enter the total amount of attachment you are expected to attain on your panel in the "desired panel size". For example, if you are working in a HA clinic where the expectation is to attach 500 people to your panel ultimately -you would input 500. For more information on updating your panel capacity, please refer to the Update Panel Capacity user guide in PAS located here: <https://www.bchealthprovider.ca/s/article/Update-Panel-Capacity>
- 2) Once you have ensured that both PAS requirements are completed, go to the following link to submit your request to the Ministry of Health for PAS verification and payment release.
[NP Panel Submission and Panel Registry Payment Form \(office.com\)](https://www.bchealthprovider.ca/s/article/NP-Panel-Submission-and-Panel-Registry-Payment-Form-(office.com))

Please note, you will need to indicate details about your name, Medical Services Plan (MSP) number, place of employment, mailing address and full-time equivalent (FTE). **The amount of FTE indicated should reflect the amount of FTE you work doing longitudinal primary care only.**

3) **Payment request submission deadlines for:**

- a. **Health Authority NPs is October 15, 2024.** All HA employed NPs requests for payment will be processed after this date. Please allow up to 6 weeks for processing.
- b. **NP employees at non-HA sites** For (i.e. employees of CHCs, PBF or other models of care) the date for submissions will be announced shortly. **Please do not submit a request for payment until instructed to do so.**

4) Once verification is completed and your payment is approved, NNPBC-PIP will dispense the payment. If your request is not granted, you will be advised by email by the Ministry of Health.

5) Any concerns or questions related to the **approval / verification process** should be sent to PAS.Help@gov.bc.ca.

6) Any concerns related to the distribution of payment via cheque should be directed to NNPBC-PIP at rchanney@nnpbc.com.