BENEFIT
CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION FUND

The CME Fund is provided through an agreement between the YMA and YTG. Physicians may make one or more applications during a year (April 1 - March 31) or may allow the funds to accumulate for a maximum of 3 years. All eligible physicians are urged to take advantage of the Fund.

Income Tax: Money received from the CME Fund must be declared as income for tax purposes. Physicians may continue to claim educational costs as allowed under current tax regulations, therefore, original receipts should be retained. Receipts sent in to document expenses will not be returned, therefore, photocopies should be submitted.

Eligibility: To apply a physician must:

1. be licensed with the Yukon Medical Council.

2. have residency and have a practice in the Yukon Territory prior to the beginning of the fiscal year (April 1) in which the course is taken and also when the course is taken.

3. be submitting accounts on a fee-for-service basis or through an alternate payment plan to the Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan;

4. be a member of the Yukon Medical Association for the eligibility period and at the time the course is taken.

Exceptions to these requirements are subject to review by the Executive Committee of the YMA.

Funds are provided only with respect to expenses already incurred for continuing medical education. In order to be accepted, expenses must have been incurred during the 3 year accumulation period. Reimbursement will be made for formal courses (those that issue a receipt for registration fees) that are relevant to the applicant's practice.

Books, journals, audiotapes, computer software and computer hardware expenses can be submitted for reimbursement and are eligible for 25% of the yearly individual CME funding.

Registration - Copies of receipts or canceled cheques and other documentary evidence showing the name of the organization, date, location of meeting or course and verification of attendance must be submitted. Social activities included in the registration fee will not be honoured.

Transportation - May include airfare, car rental, fuel, taxi and parking (copies of receipts required).

Lodging - Copy of hotel or similar bill must be submitted. Hotel services, exclusive of food and drink, are considered lodging expenses. Lodging will be reimbursed, without receipts, consistent with the Government of Canada revised travel rate in effect at the time of the course. Maintenance will be paid to a maximum of 2 days longer than the course for courses taken in Ontario and Western Canada, and 3 days longer for all other courses.

Per Diem - A daily rate will be reimbursed without receipts as set by the YMA Executive. Reimbursement will be 2 days longer than the course in Ontario and Western Canada, and 3 days longer for all other courses.