

## **Benefit Locum Support Program**

The purpose of the Locum Support Program is to assist with travel honoraria, travel costs and accommodation expenses for physicians providing locum services to resident physicians.

Funding is being provided to the YMA with the intention that it will be used for the provision of locum services. Expenditures from the fund will be based on the following criteria:

1. Whenever possible utilize locum replacements to provide coverage to more than one physician per trip.
2. Consider the rental of a long-term efficiency suite to provide accommodation for locums.
3. Travel Honoraria may be claimed to the amount of \$250 per day for a maximum of two days travel.
4. Utilize reduced return airfares from the locum's place of residence to Whitehorse whenever possible.
5. Individual Whitehorse resident physicians can access \$1979 for the first fiscal year of the MOU commencing April 1, 2002 for the use of locum costs. Shared practices will be eligible for only \$1979 between the sharing physicians. Associated but independent practices utilizing the same practice location will each be eligible for \$1979. Payment under this program will be made to the resident physician with the expectation that all monies will be used to pay for actual expenses incurred. Honoraria may be paid directly to the locum on instruction from the resident physician. Reimbursement will be issued only on provision of receipts for transportation and accommodation plus a maximum of two days honoraria for travel to and from outside the Territory.
6. Rural physicians will be eligible for an extra 20% to cover the increased time and costs of traveling to the rural communities.
7. Private residences of resident physicians are not eligible for accommodation reimbursement.

8. Funds in excess of the total of individual allocations for the fiscal year 2002 will be rolled over to the next year to be included in the principle amount for distribution in the second year of this program.
9. Monies not claimed by individual physicians from their allocations may be carried forward into the second year and can be used by that physician/practice in locum expense reimbursement in the second year of this program, in a manner similar to that already in place under the CME program. Should this program continue past the negotiated two-year term, a physician can accumulate funds to a maximum of three years. Monies not used after three years will be rolled back into the principle of the fund, to be used to increase the total amount available for distribution under this program.
10. No monies will be paid out of the fund for expenses incurred prior to the commencement of the YMA membership year (January 1, 2002) in the year that this agreement came into effect (April 1, 2002).

Applications can be obtained from the Yukon Medical Association web site ([www.yma.yk.ca](http://www.yma.yk.ca)) or from Cathy Grimley, the YMA Fund Manager. Applications must be submitted to Cathy Grimley at the following address:

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