

Saskatchewan Provincial Election 2020

Physician Remuneration



What's the problem?

- Many physicians are paid fee-for-service (FFS), which ties their income to the volume -- rather than quality -- of care they deliver.
- Around 60% of Saskatchewan family physicians are paid primarily through FFS.
- Fee-for-service results in episodic, “one issue per visit” -type care, rather than comprehensive management of complex conditions.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the volatility of FFS; because doctors were seeing fewer patients, their income fell and some clinics were forced to lay off office staff.

What's the prescription?

- Test other models of physician payment, --including blended approaches-- that are based on quality of care, encourage innovation in how care is organized and delivered, and increase collaboration across different types of health care providers.

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Best Advice Guide: Physician Remuneration in a Patient's Medical Home