

Patient Attachment Incentive Trust

Data Update

July 4, 2018

The \$6.4 million Patient Attachment Incentive Trust was announced by government and Doctors Nova Scotia as part of an investment to improve access to primary care. Family doctors are eligible for a one-time incentive of \$150 per patient for accepting someone from the 811 Need a Family Practice Registry. It is also available to family doctors who take on new patients referred from an emergency department or a practice where a doctor is retiring or moving. The incentive took effect on April 1, 2018.

The numbers below indicate the status as of the last day of the specified month. This data will be posted monthly.

June 2018

- 2,417 patients accepted by a family practice
- 92 physicians claimed the incentive

Since April 1, 2018:

- 403 doctors have submitted claims, taking on a total of 5,310 patients
- In the zone breakdown below, the total number of family doctors is 411 due to individual physicians taking patients from multiple zones or under different funding models:
 - Central: 215 family doctors have taken on 2,643 patients
 - Eastern: 61 family doctors have taken on 823 patients
 - Western: 79 family doctors have taken on 1,427 patients
 - Northern: 56 family doctors have taken on 417 patients

May 2018

- 2,011 patients accepted by a family practice
- 142 physicians claimed the incentive

Since April 1, 2018:

- 319 doctors have submitted claims, taking on a total of 2,893 patients
- In the zone breakdown below, the total number of family doctors is 322 due to individual physicians taking patients from multiple zones or under different funding models:
 - Central: 171 family doctors have taken on 1,431 patients
 - Eastern: 49 family doctors have taken on 493 patients
 - Western: 59 family doctors have taken on 724 patients
 - Northern: 43 family doctors have taken on 245 patients

April 2018

- 882 patients accepted by a family practice
- 177 physicians claimed the incentive
- Zone Breakdown:
 - Central: 92 family doctors have taken on 469 patients
 - Eastern: 24 family doctors have taken on 182 patients
 - Western: 34 family doctors have taken on 129 patients
 - Northern: 27 family doctors have taken on 102 patients