

This document outlines the Physician Office System Program (POSP) Transition Allowance Guidelines.

### **Transition Allowance Guidelines**

1. The physician must be in good standing with the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta.
2. The physician must meet eligibility requirements.
3. The Transition Allowance is available to provide financial support for physicians currently using an Electronic Medical Record (EMR) solution who transition from their current EMR to one of the VCUR 2008 EMRs from a qualified service provider and achieve Milestone 2 as defined in Schedule 7 of the Master Services Agreement (MSA) on or before March 31, 2011, and under the additional conditions outlined in this document.
4. A qualified service provider (QSP) is one who was selected through the 2008 Physician Office System Program (POSP) EMR Pre-Qualification RFP, and who has met conformance requirements for VCUR 2008.
5. Any physician currently using an EMR from a non-qualified service provider where the physician implemented that EMR before April 1, 2008, who transitions to a VCUR 2008 EMR from a qualified service provider is eligible for an allowance of \$20,000.
6. Any physician currently using an EMR from a qualified service provider who transitions to a VCUR 2008 EMR from a different qualified service provider where the transition is required to align to a decision by a Primary Care Network (PCN) or Community of Practice (CoP) to adopt a single EMR is eligible for an allowance of \$20,000.
7. Any physician currently using an EMR from a qualified service provider where the physician implemented that EMR before April 1, 2008, and who then transitions to the VCUR 2008 EMR with an ASP platform from that same qualified service provider is eligible for an allowance of \$5,000.
8. Any physician currently using an EMR from a qualified service provider where the physician implemented that EMR on or after April 1, 2008, and who then transitions to the VCUR 2008 EMR with an ASP platform from that same qualified service provider is eligible for an allowance of \$20,000. This allowance is provided under the condition that the physician was using an EMR and not using paper charts as of April 1, 2008.
9. The Transition Allowance may subsequently be modified by POSP Committee based on experience and evidence concerning the impact on the physician and his/her practice.
10. Payment of the transition allowance from POSP to the physician will be aligned with the vendor Milestone Payment Plan defined in Schedule 7 of the Master Services Agreement (MSA), provided that the specific milestone is achieved within one year of Milestone 2 and is on or before March 31, 2011. The Transition Allowance Reimbursement will be made as follows:
  - a. 25% of allowance paid at Milestone 2 – Initial Project Review, Approved Project Plan signed.
  - b. 50% of allowance paid at Milestone 3 – Go-Live Completed, Warranty Period Commences.
  - c. 25% of allowance paid at Milestone 4 – First Implementation Status Review Completed.