



Equipment Fund

Background

Subsidizing the cost of medical equipment will support family physicians in practicing full scope medicine and performing minor office-based procedures they normally may not provide in their clinics. This will improve patient access, reduce emergency room visits, reduce the volume of procedures within the hospital system as well as enable physicians who may not currently qualify for the Fee Code Program to meet an additional “gate” criteria (for performing minor procedures in clinic). This fund is available to fee-for-service physicians who are Family Practice Network (FPN) members.



Details

Through the FPN Equipment Fund, eligible family physicians will be reimbursed for 80% of the costs they incur for the purchase of new or refurbished equipment and/or devices on a pre-approved list, up to a maximum of \$2,500 per physician.

Applications for equipment not pre-approved will be considered. Applications must include a description of the proposed item/device as well as supporting evidence (i.e., best practice, standards of care, guideline-based care) for its use.

Eligible items

- Automated blood pressure cuffs
- Autoclaves
- Autoclave trays
- Reusable instruments (i.e., metal speculums, ring forceps, scalpels)
- Spirometers
- EKG machines
- Butterfly ultrasounds/point of care ultrasounds
- Pulse oximeters
- Pulmonary function testing equipment
- Oscopes/Panoptic scopes
- Liquid nitrogen gun
- Liquid nitrogen canister
- Digital scale and height measurements
- Baby scales
- Anoscope
- Defibrillator
- Personal amplifiers (to facilitate the sharing of information with hearing-impaired patients)

Ineligible items

- Disposable items associated with the performance of minor procedures

Applying

For pre-approved items, family physicians may submit a request for reimbursement based upon confirmation of purchase. For items not pre-approved, physicians will be required to complete an application for funding request, submitted to FPRP.

The Equipment Fund is available immediately for reimbursement of purchases made on or after March 15, 2020 and will extend to November 30, 2023.

Please click [here](#) to access the online reimbursement form.

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