

# Memorandum

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Date: October 1, 2024  
To: AHS Medical Leaders  
From: Dr. Sarah Hall  
RE: Physician On Call Program Update and Application Process

Colleagues,

Effective Oct. 1, 2024, we are accepting applications from both existing and new Physician On Call Programs (POCP). This follows the completion of an extensive review that was initiated in September 2019, in response to the former Physician Compensation Committee setting a fixed budget. This review was conducted as a collaborative effort between Alberta Health Services, Alberta Health (Government) and the Alberta Medical Association.

There have been changes made to the POCP categories and eligibility criteria for funding. All programs will need to submit an application in order to be considered for ongoing POCP funding. The application process will be open from Oct. 1 to 31 through ServiceNow at [Physician On Call Program Application Form - ServiceHub \(service-now.com\)](#). Decisions will be communicated to all programs via email to the primary applicant for each program. We ask that each program identify one person to apply on their behalf and to only submit one application per program.

Please see the attached FAQ document for specific details on the new POCP categories, eligibility criteria and application process.

I would also like to thank the following POCP Advisory Committee Members for their time and efforts in doing this very important work:

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