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Rural Continuing Medical Education (RCME) Community Program

Guideline for communities seeking to purchase equipment through community funding

During the implementation phase of the RCME Community Program, a number of requests have come forward from communities around the purchasing of equipment to connect virtually for collective learning.

Below is a guideline for communities that wish to use RCME Community funding to purchase equipment:

Eligible expenses

- Equipment purchases supporting the delivery and execution of collective learning within communities and across regions.
- Equipment that enables or enhances community RCME delivery and enables physicians to participate.
- The below are spending caps for purchasing equipment for community education:
 - \$2,000 per person (not to be used to enhance individual CME experiences but to increase community delivery and connection).
 - \$10,000 per community (larger communities may be eligible for a higher amount depending on size and equipment needed).

**Simulation equipment is excluded from the above spending caps.*

In-eligible expenses

- Business expenses related to office overhead.
- Capital equipment.

The RCME community team is supportive of physicians virtually learning but encourage physicians to utilize their individual RCME funds for individual purchases and/or work with their health authority for capital equipment for the ineligible expenses noted above.

For more information about RCME Community funding or eligibility, please contact Drew Baird, Provincial Manager, RCME Community Program at dbaird@rccbc.ca