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## Rural Continuing Medical Education (RCME) Community Program

### Guideline for communities of physicians travelling to access education unavailable in their home community

During the implementation phase of the **RCME Community Program**, a number of communities have identified that the education they wish to organize or attend is unable to take place in their home community. Some rural communities are unable to host the CARE Course or HOUSE Course due to accessibility to resources to support the training and less than the minimal number of attendees required to attend the course.

Below is a guideline for communities that wish to use RCME Community funding to travel to neighboring communities to access education:

#### Eligible expenses for RCME Community funding

- Course registration for participants;
- Materials or equipment required for the course/activity; and/or
- Inclusion of interprofessional team members and other community providers as determined by the local community of physicians.

#### Expenses to be covered by individual participants

- Travel (including physician time);
- Lodging;
- Meals; and
- Time for attendance in the CME activity.

The community of physicians should consider the development of a policy or tracker to ensure that all physicians are accessing the out of community education in an equitable way.

If all of the physicians are leaving the community and locum coverage is required, these expenses are not eligible to be reimbursed with RCME Community funding. The [Rural GP Locum Program \(RGPLP\)](#) will consider requests for under 5 days of locum coverage for education purposes, such as the CARE Course. In your application you will need to include: what CME event the collective physicians will be attending and why the community is requesting a shorter locum assignment exception.

For more information about RCME Community funding or eligibility, please contact Drew Baird, Provincial Manager, RCME Community Program at [dbaird@rccbc.ca](mailto:dbaird@rccbc.ca).