

<b>MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANNAPOLIS POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION MANUAL</b>		<b>108</b>
<b>Section Procedure &amp; Organization of Council</b>	<b>Subject MEDICAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>	

**GENERAL**

1. This policy is entitled “Medical Financial Assistance Policy”.

**AUTHORITY FOR POLICY**

2. Section 65 *Municipal Government Act*, as amended.

**DEFINITIONS**

3. Terms used in this policy shall have the same meaning as in the *Municipal Government Act*, or as their context applies according to a dictionary of the Canadian language.

**PURPOSE**

4. The purpose of this policy is to establish the criteria and conditions under which the Municipality may wish to contribute financially to physicians and nurse practitioners that establish a full-time or part-time medical practice within Annapolis County.

**PROGRAM CRITERIA**

5. Any physician or nurse practitioner may apply to the Municipality for financial assistance within six (6) months of setting up a full-time or part-time practice in any community within Annapolis County.
6. Financial assistance may be provided at the sole discretion of the Municipality in the amount of \$10,000 for eligible full-time medical practitioners and up to \$5,000 for part-time medical practitioners upon a recommendation from the Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee, but in no case shall any applicant receive funding more than once.
7. The Municipality may choose to provide the financial support directly, or indirectly to a community based non-profit society or another government entity.
8. In order to be eligible for financial assistance, the physician or nurse practitioner must sign a minimum three-year return of service agreement with the province; proof of which must be provided with their letter of request and application for financial support.
9. Funding under this program may be provided in addition to any incentive funding provided by the province, other government agency, or non-profit organization.
10. The Municipality will provide any approved funding in two installments, one half upon approval of the application, and the second installment one year later.

