Thinking of setting up a practice in rural Saskatchewan?
Working as a locum is an excellent opportunity to visit different clinics and communities throughout the province of Saskatchewan.

The Rural Relief Program offers relief support to help rural physicians maintain work/life harmony.

The Rural Relief Program provides relief to rural physicians for periods of four to 14 days for practices in rural communities in which there are fewer than five practising physicians.

Through the Rural Relief Program, the Saskatchewan Medical Association (SMA) employs physicians who are available to travel throughout rural Saskatchewan and replace the local physician on a temporary basis.

Rural relief locums are hired on contract and enjoy terrific benefits including competitive pay, flexible schedules and no overhead.

Incentives include:

- A signing bonus for locums signing a one-year contract
- A service bonus for locums who fulfill 200 service days in one contract year
- Paid travel days with mileage
- Weeknight and weekend call stipends
- Accommodations provided by the host physician
- A cellphone stipend
- Eligible for reimbursement of CMPA dues through the appropriate program at the SMA
- Increased bonuses and benefits for second year locums

The Rural Relief Program is a locum-driven program, and ensuring locums enjoy work/life harmony is a program priority. Lifestyle benefits are many:

- Live wherever you like
- Work when you want - schedules are developed well in advance with flexibility
- No administration

To explore opportunities within the Rural Relief Program, please contact:

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The Saskatchewan Medical Association (SMA) aims to help recruit physicians to Saskatchewan and retain those already working in the province. The Committee on Rural and Regional Practice (CORRP) manages funds that have been negotiated through the Ministry of Health to provide programming in support of these recruitment and retention efforts.

Rural and regional practice support

CORRP provides the following bursaries, grants and programs to support physicians practising medicine in rural and regional Saskatchewan, as well as medical learners with a keen interest in rural medicine.

Rural and Regional Practice Establishment Grant
A grant of $25,000 is available to any eligible family physician that establishes a practice in rural or regional Saskatchewan and agrees to fulfill a 24-month return-in-service commitment.

Rural and Regional Extended Leave Program – The Rural and Regional Extended Leave Program provides funds to physicians in rural or regional practice for reimbursement of costs and forgone practice income in order to participate in an educational activity. The program supports physicians that are upgrading their skills and knowledge in areas of their choice, such as anaesthesia, obstetrics or surgery. The duration of training may range from one to six weeks. A one month return-in-service commitment is required for each week of funding received.

Rural Travel Fund – This program facilitates cooperation and support between physicians practising in rural Saskatchewan. It is intended to encourage improved communication between rural physicians and to help maintain the quality of care being provided to rural residents. Physicians may claim reimbursement when travelling to provide the following services in neighbouring communities: anaesthesia, surgical assistance, consultations and practice coverage when the neighbouring physician is away. Physicians may receive up to $3500 per year.

Rural and Regional Emergency Care CME Program – This program reimburses physicians in rural and regional practice for the cost of registration and a portion of the travel and accommodation expenses associated with ACLS, PALS, ATLS, NRP, ALSO, ALARM and other courses. Physicians must have 12 months of continuous licensure and must have been practising in rural or regional Saskatchewan for at least 12 months prior to applying to the fund. Physicians receiving monies from the fund will be expected to provide services in rural or regional Saskatchewan after completing the educational activity.

Rural and Regional Physician Enhancement Training Program – This program provides funding for two practising rural or regional physicians and for two second-year family medicine residents to complete a third year of training to enhance their skills in obstetrics, anaesthesia, general surgery, emergency medicine, geriatrics or psychiatry. Practising rural or regional physicians receive income replacement funding totalling $110,000 per annum. Third-year family medicine residents receive a stipend equal to that of a resident at pay level PGY3 on the College of Medicine grid. Recipients must provide a return-in-service in a rural or regional community.

Family Medicine Resident Bursary Program – Successful medical resident candidates can receive bursary support in the amount of $25,000 per year to a maximum of two years of funding. Applicants must be accepted into the Family Medicine Residency Program at the College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan. Upon obtaining licensure, bursary recipients are required to provide a return-in-service commitment in rural, northern or regional Saskatchewan.

Clinical Skills Program – This program gives students of all learning levels opportunities to work alongside rural or regional family physicians for a weekend on-call period to enhance inpatient and emergency coverage skills.

Roadmap Program for Students and Residents – The Roadmap Program for Students and Residents acts as a guide to medical learners throughout their medical training journeys. It offers opportunities for learners to have positive experiences in rural and regional Saskatchewan through rewarding contests and events. It also provides resources and information to help learners through the challenges of medical school while giving them an opportunity to influence how health care is delivered in the province.

Find out more at www.sma.sk.ca

• Program application forms
• Bursary and grant eligibility requirements