



MEDICAL SERVICES INSURANCE
HI10 -ANNUAL STATISTICAL TABLES

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(with comparative statistics for previous years)

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Section One

Population Data

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 1.1

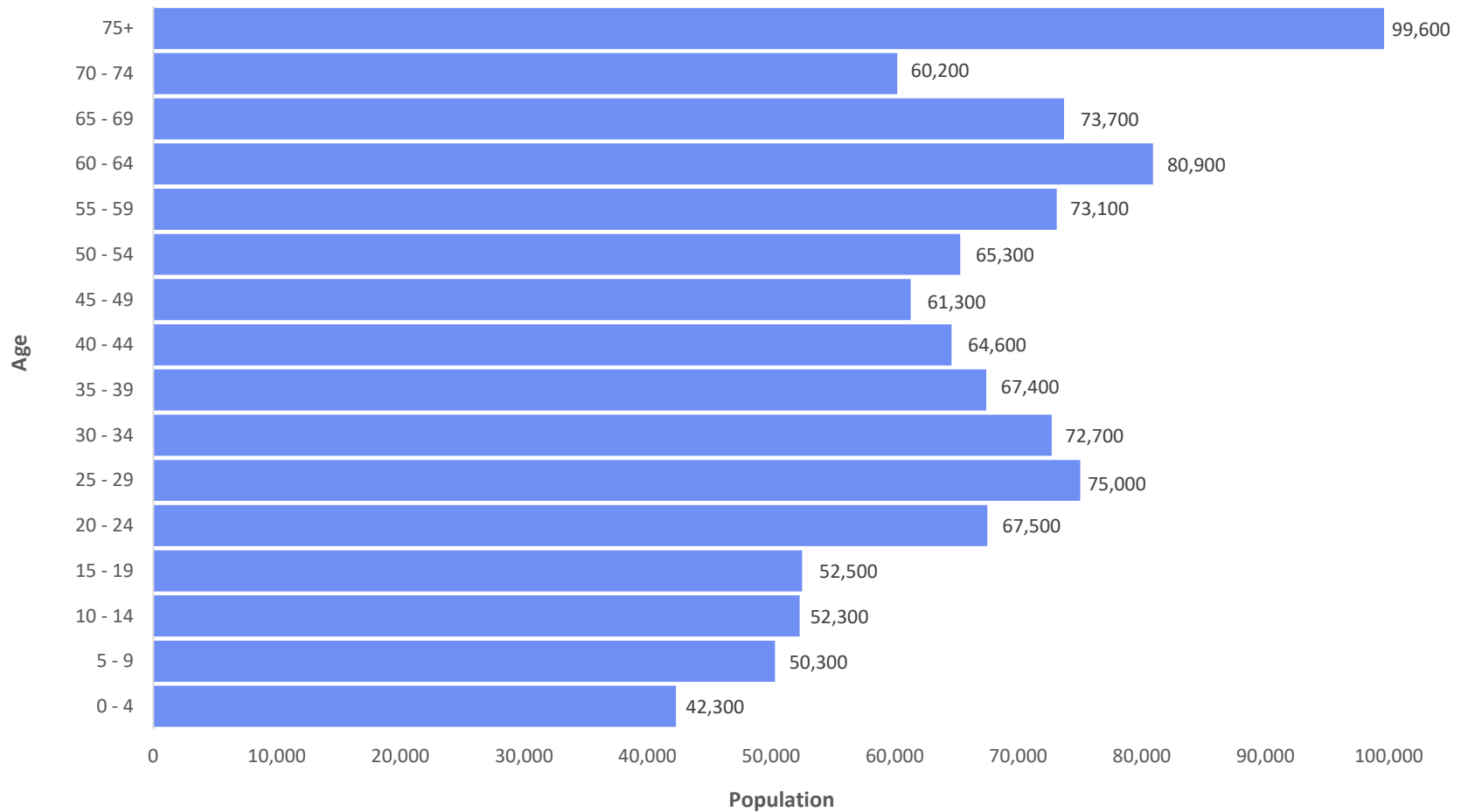
Distribution of Population¹ by Age Group
As of July 1st of each year

Age Group							Percent Change					
	2018/19 ²	2019/20 ²	2020/21 ²	2021/22 ²	2022/23 ²	2023/24 ²	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Total	960,000	971,400	979,300	992,200	1,019,700	1,058,700	0.6%	1.2%	0.8%	1.3%	2.8%	3.8%
0 - 4	42,900	43,200	42,400	41,500	41,600	42,300	0.2%	0.7%	(1.9%)	(2.1%)	0.2%	1.7%
5 - 9	46,300	46,300	46,200	46,600	47,500	50,300	2.0%	0.0%	(0.2%)	0.9%	1.9%	5.9%
10 - 14	46,500	47,200	48,200	48,900	50,200	52,300	4.0%	1.5%	2.1%	1.5%	2.7%	4.2%
15 - 19	51,500	51,500	50,800	49,300	50,500	52,500	(4.0%)	0.0%	(1.4%)	(3.0%)	2.4%	4.0%
20 - 24	60,600	61,900	61,600	62,700	67,800	67,500	(1.0%)	2.1%	(0.5%)	1.8%	8.1%	(0.4%)
25 - 29	61,100	62,900	63,400	65,400	70,600	75,000	(2.1%)	2.9%	0.8%	3.2%	8.0%	6.2%
30 - 34	57,600	59,300	61,300	63,700	67,400	72,700	(1.4%)	3.0%	3.4%	3.9%	5.8%	7.9%
35 - 39	56,300	57,600	58,700	60,700	63,700	67,400	(2.1%)	2.3%	1.9%	3.4%	4.9%	5.8%
40 - 44	56,400	56,500	56,900	57,800	60,000	64,600	(2.6%)	0.2%	0.7%	1.6%	3.8%	7.7%
45 - 49	62,100	61,700	61,200	60,600	60,100	61,300	(0.6%)	(0.6%)	(0.8%)	(1.0%)	(0.8%)	2.0%
50 - 54	70,600	67,500	65,300	64,600	64,500	65,300	(2.4%)	(4.4%)	(3.3%)	(1.1%)	(0.2%)	1.2%
55 - 59	78,800	79,200	78,800	77,300	74,800	73,100	2.1%	0.5%	(0.5%)	(1.9%)	3.2%	(2.3%)
60 - 64	73,800	74,900	75,900	77,200	78,200	80,900	3.5%	1.5%	1.3%	1.7%	1.3%	3.5%
65 - 69	63,500	64,900	66,700	68,400	70,300	73,700	1.4%	2.2%	2.8%	2.5%	2.8%	4.8%
70 - 74	52,300	54,800	57,400	59,300	59,100	60,200	6.3%	4.8%	4.7%	3.3%	(0.3%)	1.9%
75+	79,700	82,000	84,800	88,200	93,300	99,600	3.9%	2.9%	3.4%	4.0%	5.8%	6.8%

¹ Statistics Canada population Census estimates, as of July 1st each year, include Armed Forces and RCMP personnel.

² Column may not add to total due to rounding.

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Figure 1
Population by 5 Year Age Group as of July 1, 2024



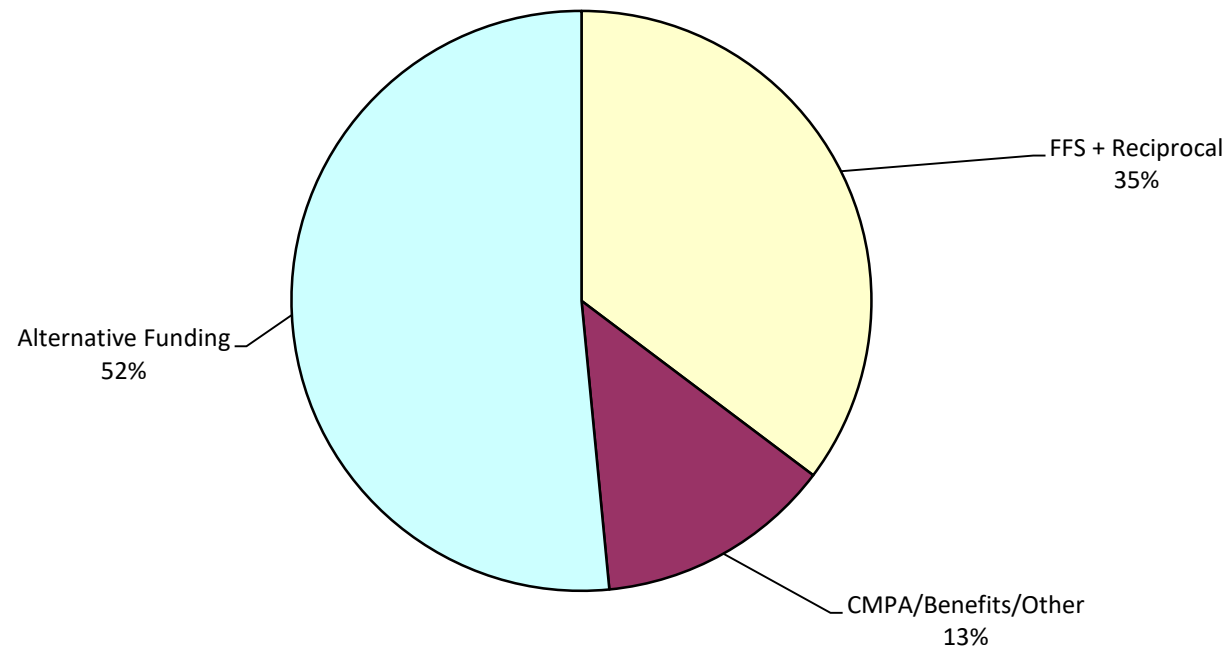
Source: Statistics Canada



Section Two

Actual Financial Payments to Physicians

**Actual Financial Payments to Physicians by Use of Funds
Nova Scotia 2023-2024 (Current Dollars)¹**



¹ In previous reports, Diagnostic Imaging, Pathology, Radiation Oncology and Internal Medicine services were reported separately based on historical bulk billing. Since these services are now claimed via Fee for Service or Alternative Funding, the payments are now included in the appropriate category for 2023-2024.

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 2.1

**Medical Payments
Financial Report1**

Payment Type	Actuals 19/20	Actuals 20/21	Actuals 21/22	Actuals 22/23	Actuals 23/24	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Fee for Service and Reciprocal										
Fee for Service	\$288,363,893	\$288,209,005	\$296,818,556	\$306,059,930	\$381,152,219	(1.6%)	(4.3%)	3.2%	3.2%	24.5%
Reciprocal Billing	\$9,528,814	\$6,861,092	\$6,540,334	\$9,253,607	\$8,945,729	2.2%	(28.0%)	(4.7%)	41.5%	(3.3%)
Diag Image/Path Rad/Int Med⁴	\$69,770,142	\$54,538,479	\$76,237,970	\$78,867,965	\$0	2.8%	(21.8%)	39.8%	3.4%	0.0%
Subtotal	\$367,662,849	\$349,608,576	\$379,596,860	\$394,181,502	\$390,097,948	(0.7)	(4.9)	8.6	3.8	(0.0)
Alternative Funding										
Alternative Funding	\$322,665,550	\$367,187,819	\$389,781,394	\$415,325,822	\$411,310,028	8.2%	13.8%	6.2%	6.6%	(1.0%)
Emergency Departments	\$59,749,598	\$69,660,757	\$71,117,316	\$72,733,888	\$79,087,388	4.4%	16.6%	2.1%	2.3%	8.7%
Longitudinal Family Medicine	-	-	-	-	\$79,560,434	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Subtotal	\$382,415,148	\$436,848,576	\$460,898,710	\$488,059,709	\$569,957,850	761.4%	1423.4%	550.5%	589.3%	16.8%
CMPA, Benefits, HST and Other										
Retention and Recruitment (Benefit) Fund	\$5,670,909	\$6,068,222	\$6,943,325	\$7,394,207	\$8,704,237	2.2%	7.0%	14.4%	6.5%	17.7%
CMPA Rebate	\$6,991,060	\$6,551,303	\$4,994,558	\$4,346,079	-\$936,942	(6.0%)	(6.3%)	(23.8%)	(13.0%)	(121.6%)
Consultant's Fund	\$12,268	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(39.1%)	0.0%	-	-	-
Family Med Residency Expansion	\$1,578,645	\$1,500,790	\$1,676,405	\$2,542,670	\$3,535,105	2.5%	(4.9%)	11.7%	51.7%	39.0%
Debt Assistance and Other Initiatives	\$4,067,500	\$238,340	\$227,115	\$106,200	\$75,600	2374.9%	(94.1%)	(4.7%)	(53.2%)	(28.8%)
Resident Salaries and Training	\$34,416,404	\$37,263,132	\$37,600,921	\$37,961,410	\$41,900,923	8.5%	8.3%	0.9%	1.0%	10.4%
Clinical Assessment for Practice Program	\$194,843	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(91.1%)	0.0%	-	-	-
Hospital Inpatient Care/Orphan Patients	-\$30,653	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(134.8%)	0.0%	-	-	-
Electronic Medical Record	\$7,570,799	\$7,720,546	\$7,439,968	\$7,501,033	\$1,700,000	3.3%	2.0%	(3.6%)	0.8%	(77.3%)
Facility On-Call	\$12,707,459	\$12,253,805	\$11,969,059	\$12,215,810	\$15,396,820	1.6%	(3.6%)	(2.3%)	2.1%	26.0%
Resident Tuition	\$1,034,625	\$1,102,802	\$1,148,706	\$1,198,736	\$1,299,233	11.5%	6.6%	4.2%	4.4%	8.4%
Physician Training Seats	\$92,002	\$94,220	\$70,665	\$4,912	\$103,061	10.1%	2.4%	(25.0%)	(96.0%)	1998.0%
Continuing Medical Education	\$4,168,000	\$4,440,000	\$3,143,000	\$4,042,753	\$4,331,556	7.7%	6.5%	(29.2%)	28.6%	7.1%
Rural Specialist Incentive Program	\$3,752,000	\$3,474,126	\$5,137,166	\$5,577,333	\$5,772,000	58.6%	(7.4%)	47.9%	8.6%	3.5%
Comprehensive Care Incentive Program	-\$7,020	\$30,635	\$0	\$0	\$0	(98.8%)	(536.4%)	0.0%	-	-
Collaborative Practice Incentive Program	\$1,400,000	\$1,570,000	\$1,515,000	\$2,020,000	\$735,000	25.6%	12.1%	(3.5%)	33.3%	(63.6%)
Collaborative Emergency Centres	\$11,209,051	\$5,660,810	\$9,058,479	\$8,017,575	\$3,334,378	1.6%	(49.5%)	60.0%	(11.5%)	(58.4%)
Family Medicine Bursary	\$334,000	\$270,000	\$130,000	\$196,000	\$50,000	(28.0%)	(19.2%)	(51.9%)	50.8%	(74.5%)
Tuition Relief	\$2,305,843	\$2,168,749	\$2,103,810	\$1,227,970	\$1,000,082	50.2%	(5.9%)	(3.0%)	(41.6%)	(18.6%)
Targeted Project Funding	\$1,456,024	\$1,433,403	\$1,457,111	\$1,178,456	\$1,195,527	21.7%	(1.6%)	24.9%	14.7%	1.4%
Physician Hospitalists	\$20,599,470	\$19,171,328	\$23,937,254	\$27,445,651	\$34,674,733	41.4%	(6.9%)	24.9%	14.7%	26.3%
Appeals Costs	\$96,817	\$97,165	\$23,842	\$14,599	\$0	(8.3%)	0.4%	(75.5%)	(38.8%)	0.0%
Practice Ready Assessment	\$673,719	\$663,823	\$971,884	\$1,387,107	\$1,271,441	117.8%	(1.5%)	46.4%	42.7%	(8.3%)
New Family Medicine Residency Spaces (Seats)	\$355,442	\$708,773	\$864,756	\$0	\$0	(1.4%)	99.4%	22.0%	0.0%	-
New Specialty Residency Spaces (Seats)	\$77,319	\$87,767	\$97,266	\$99,030	\$122,368	68.1%	13.5%	10.8%	1.8%	23.6%
Technology Incentive	\$1,655,397	\$1,013,816	\$0	\$0	\$0	56.6%	(38.8%)	0.0%	-	-
Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship	\$98,616	\$111,180	\$125,073	\$151,543	\$124,340	405.7%	12.7%	12.5%	21.2%	(18.0%)
Community Hospital Inpatient Program	\$917,507	\$4,186,635	\$3,460,270	\$3,300,264	\$4,050,225	100.0%	356.0%	(17.3%)	(4.6%)	22.7%
Primary Maternity Care	-	\$4,400,807	\$4,158,556	\$3,898,098	\$4,309,162	-	0.0%	(5.5%)	(6.3%)	10.5%
Primary Care Provider Incentive	-	-	-	\$507,500	\$2,185,300	-	-	-	0.0%	330.6%
Specialist Incentive	-	-	-	\$453,750	\$80,000	-	-	-	0.0%	(82.4%)
UpToDate	-	-	-	-	\$1,993,529	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Rostering Grant	-	-	-	-	\$8,609,698	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Redeployment	-	-	-	-	\$287,610	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Subtotal	\$123,398,046	\$122,282,177	\$128,254,188	\$132,788,687	\$145,904,984	15.3%	(0.9%)	4.9%	3.5%	9.9%
Grand Total	\$873,476,043	\$908,739,329	\$968,749,759	\$1,015,029,898	\$1,105,960,783	4.9%	4.0%	6.6%	4.8%	9.0%

¹ Data provided are Financial Payments with accruals and associated adjustments. There are differences between the Financial Payments shown and the total payments shown in the Statistical Tables. The differences are due to accounting adjustments for accruals, certain recoveries, and retroactive payments.

⁴ In previous reports, Diagnostic Imaging, Pathology, Radiation Oncology and Internal Medicine services were reported separately based on historical bulk billing. Since these services are now claimed via Fee for Service or Alternative Funding, the payments are included in the appropriate categories for 2023-2024.



Section Three

Statistical Data

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 3.1
Summary of Payments^{1,2,3}

	Payment Summary					Percent Change				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Total	\$1,095,464,386	\$1,151,525,543	\$1,217,435,649	\$1,293,047,509	\$1,430,499,338	5.7%	5.1%	5.7%	6.2%	10.6%
Physicians' Services ⁴	\$840,230,882	\$883,191,802	\$923,670,325	\$968,981,019	\$1,068,606,104	5.0%	5.1%	4.6%	4.9%	10.3%
Dental Services	\$10,358,245	\$8,842,702	\$9,710,221	\$10,002,768	\$13,953,282	2.8%	(14.6%)	9.8%	3.0%	39.5%
Optometric Services	\$8,797,548	\$7,247,139	\$9,918,602	\$10,036,055	\$10,633,749	3.2%	(17.6%)	36.9%	1.2%	6.0%
Prescription Drugs ^{5,6}	\$234,645,705	\$250,996,365	\$272,879,062	\$302,577,646	\$335,491,280	8.4%	7.0%	8.7%	10.9%	10.9%
Prosthetic Services	\$1,432,007	\$1,247,536	\$1,257,439	\$1,450,021	\$1,814,923	2.1%	(12.9%)	0.8%	15.3%	25.2%

¹ Data is based on date of service, with the exception of limb prostheses under Prosthetic Services, which is based on date of invoice.

² Reporting requirements are reviewed on an annual basis and, subsequently, the reporting methodology for Medicare and Special Funding Programs was updated in the 2021-2022 report and reflected in previously reported years 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

³ Reporting requirements are reviewed on an annual basis and, subsequently, the reporting methodology for Optometric Programs was updated in the 2022-2023 report and reflected in previously reported years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

⁴ Includes CMPA, Benefit Fund, Emergency.

⁵ MSI Pharmacare includes Professional Fee, Drug Cost, Upcharge, and Special Funding Assistance Programs. This represents the government paid portion of expenditure only for the Seniors and Family pharmacare programs.

⁶ Numbers for 2016/2017 onward were modified in 2020/2021 to include the Family Pharmacare program.



Section Four

Physicians' Services

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 4.1
Physicians' Services^{1,2}
Payment Summary by Date of Service

Payment Summary	Payments					Percent Change				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Fee-for-Service										
NS Resident, NS Physician	\$352,279,973	\$304,528,329	\$376,406,902	\$391,076,855	\$398,005,321	(1.5%)	(13.6%)	23.6%	3.9%	1.8%
NS Resident, Non NS Physician	\$10,486,647	\$7,060,247	\$7,760,309	\$10,199,636	\$10,244,443	5.0%	(32.7%)	9.9%	31.4%	0.4%
Total Fee-for-Service	\$362,766,620	\$311,588,576	\$384,167,212	\$401,276,491	\$408,249,764	0.8%	12.1%	23.3%	4.5%	1.7%
Alternative Funding										
Fixed Periodic Payment - Individual	\$72,919,988	\$119,272,246	\$85,535,943	\$99,980,048	\$81,836,796	21.5%	63.6%	(28.3%)	16.9%	(18.1%)
Fixed Periodic Payment - Group	\$279,721,158	\$311,151,260	\$328,464,863	\$343,223,415	\$369,661,450	5.1%	11.2%	5.6%	4.5%	7.7%
Sessional	\$5,119,484	\$16,754,089	\$20,468,860	\$17,774,422	\$24,933,408	23.3%	227.3%	22.2%	(13.2%)	40.3%
Psychiatry ³	\$11,488,168	\$15,352,097	\$16,101,941	\$17,088,488	\$19,017,709	7.0%	33.6%	4.9%	6.1%	11.3%
Emergency Room Levels 1 & 2	\$26,068,773	\$30,976,579	\$31,951,875	\$33,706,802	\$38,100,567	4.2%	18.8%	3.1%	5.5%	13.0%
Emergency Room Levels 3 & 4	\$15,694,922	\$17,939,923	\$17,457,636	\$15,821,696	\$16,067,801	(2.1%)	14.3%	(2.7%)	(9.4%)	1.6%
Facility On Call ⁴	\$12,707,459	\$12,253,805	\$3,227,040	\$0	\$0	1.6%	(3.6%)	(73.7%)	0.0%	0.0%
Longitudinal Family Medicine (LFM)	-	-	-	-	\$64,469,224	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Retro Payments ⁵	-	-	-	-	\$9,742,140	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Alternative Funding	\$423,719,953	\$523,700,000	\$503,208,158	\$527,594,870	\$623,829,093	7.4%	23.6%	(3.9%)	4.8%	18.2%
Other Payments										
Retro Payments ⁶	\$14,035,110	\$13,972,627	\$3,889,000	\$4,888,078	\$0	178.7%	(0.4%)	(72.2%)	25.7%	0.0%
Benefit Fund	\$5,548,798	\$6,068,222	\$6,943,325	\$7,394,207	\$8,704,237	0.0%	9.4%	14.4%	6.5%	17.7%
CMPPA	\$6,412,473	\$6,955,101	\$5,350,859	\$4,821,685	\$171,170	(6.6%)	8.5%	(23.1%)	(9.9%)	(96.4%)
Incentive Payments	\$28,407,914	\$21,238,152	\$20,360,288	\$23,492,974	\$29,314,238	31.6%	(25.2%)	(4.1%)	15.4%	24.8%
Miscellaneous Adjustments ⁷	-\$659,987	-\$330,876	-\$248,516	-\$487,285	-\$1,662,398	5.0%	(49.9%)	(24.9%)	96.1%	241.2%
Total Other Payments	\$53,744,308	\$47,903,226	\$36,294,955	\$40,109,659	\$36,527,247	39.9%	(10.9%)	(24.2%)	10.5%	(8.9%)
Total Physician Payments	\$840,230,882	\$883,191,802	\$923,670,325	\$968,981,019	\$1,068,606,104	5.0%	5.1%	4.6%	4.9%	10.3%

¹Data is based on date of service.

²Reporting requirements are reviewed on an annual basis and, subsequently, the reporting methodology for Medicare Programs was updated in the 2021-2022 report and reflected in previously reported years 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

³Includes Hourly Paid, Institutional Psychiatry and Psychiatry Stabilization Funding.

⁴Facility On Call moved to Fee for Service as of July 1, 2021

⁵Includes all retroactive payments for adjustments made to fixed period payments, sessional and psychiatry payment models.

⁶Starting in 2023-2024, retroactive payments are included in the appropriate categories (ie. Fee-for-service, Alternative Funding).

⁷Miscellaneous adjustments include audit recoveries, recovery of overpayments of Alternative Funding programs etc.

**Total Payments^{1,2} for Physicians' Services
and Expenditure Per Insured Person**

Year	Total Paid	Expenditure per Insured Person³	Percentage Change from Previous Year
2023/24	\$1,068,606,104	\$923.38	(2.8%)
2022/23	\$968,981,019	\$950.26	2.1%
2021/22	\$923,670,325	\$930.93	3.2%
2020/21	\$883,191,802	\$901.86	3.0%
2019/20	\$840,230,882	\$875.24	5.0%
2018/19	\$800,443,256	\$833.80	3.3%
2017/18	\$769,648,158	\$806.84	4.2%
2016/17	\$735,418,537	\$774.53	(1.4%)
2015/16	\$740,465,887	\$785.06	1.3%
2014/15	\$730,417,814	\$774.81	2.2%

¹Data is based on date of service.

²Reporting requirements are reviewed on an annual basis and, subsequently, the reporting methodology for Medicare Programs was updated in the 2021-2022 report and reflected in previously reported years 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

³Based on Medavie insured person data. Reporting prior to 2023-24 was based on Statistics Canada total population data.

Physicians' Services¹**Number of Physicians Paid²**

Payment Category	Number of Physicians				Percent Change			
	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Fee-for-Service payments only	321	553	600	673	(59.5%)	72.3%	8.5%	12.2%
Physicians receiving types of Alternative Funding ³	899	835	956	824	40.7%	(7.1%)	14.5%	(13.8%)
Fee-for-Service with other combinations of payment types	1600	1518	1477	1525	16.9%	(5.1%)	(2.7%)	3.2%
Total Physicians receiving Payments	2,820	2,906	3,033	3,022	0.7%	3.0%	4.4%	(0.4%)

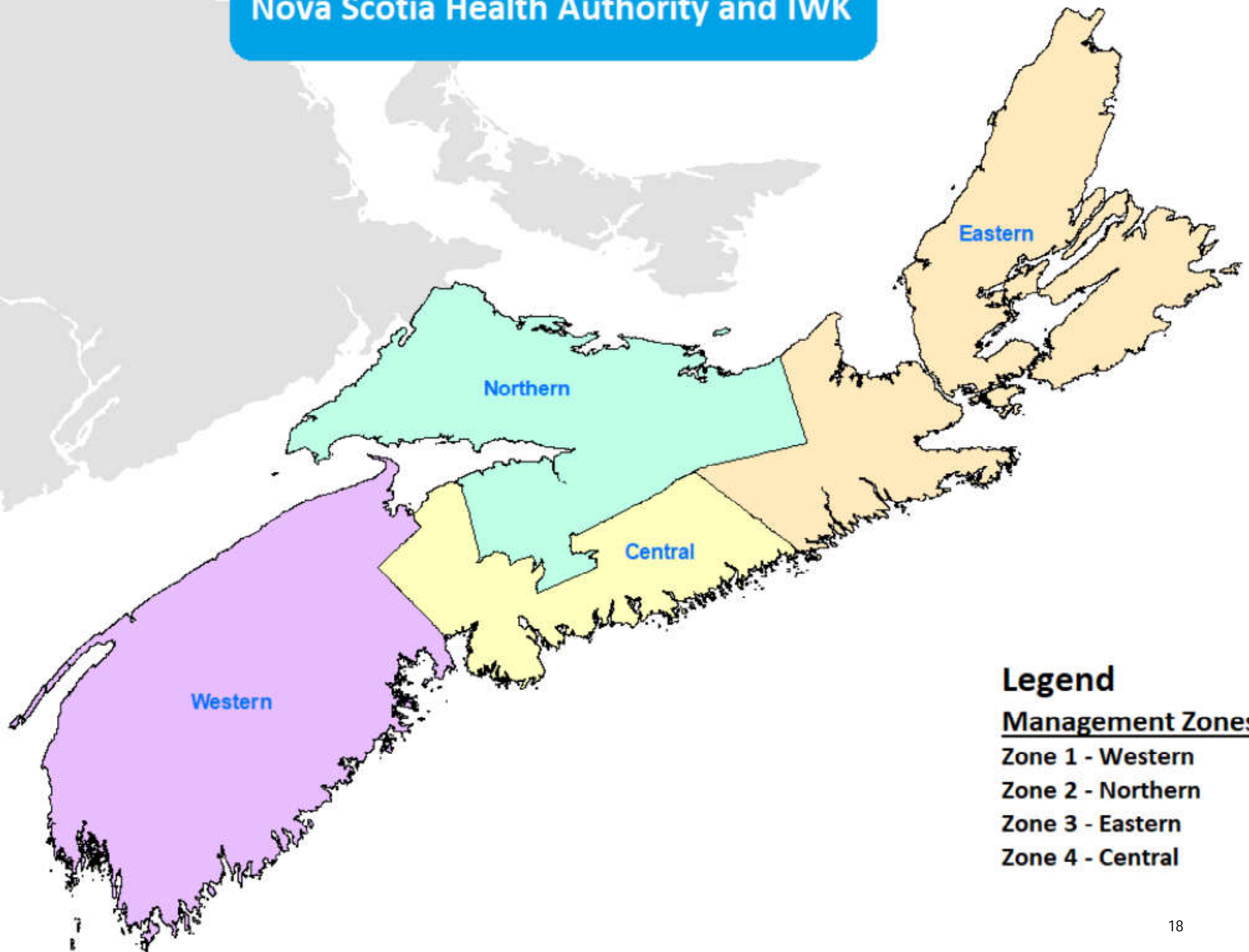
¹ Data is based on date of service.² Includes physicians with a total payment => \$1.00 and physicians from Alternative Funded Groups.³ Alternative Funding includes LFM.

Utilization of Physicians' Services¹

Utilization Summary						Percent Change				
	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Total Payments for Physicians' Services	\$840,230,882	\$883,191,802	\$923,670,325	\$968,981,019	\$1,068,606,104	5.0%	5.1%	4.6%	4.9%	10.3%
Total Services ³	8,912,840	8,065,555	8,792,136	8,905,621	9,064,814	(2.4%)	(1.3%)	9.0%	1.3%	1.8%
Insured Persons ⁴	971,400	979,300	992,200	1,019,700	1,157,279	1.2%	80.0%	1.3%	2.8%	13.5%
Services per Insured Person	8.5	7.6	8.0	7.9	7.8	1.5%	1.6%	1.8%	2.5%	(0.6%)
Expenditure per Insured Person	\$864.97	\$901.86	\$930.93	\$950.26	\$923.38	(3.2%)	(3.1%)	4.9%	(1.2%)	(2.8%)
Total Beneficiaries receiving Insured Services	818,838	766,702	793,097	813,386	819,763	0.6%	(3.1%)	3.4%	2.6%	0.8%
Percent of Beneficiaries to Insured Persons	84.3%	78.3%	79.9%	79.7%	70.8%	(0.6%)	(3.9%)	2.1%	(0.2%)	(11.1%)
Services per Beneficiary	10.9	10.5	11.1	10.9	11.1	(3.0%)	1.8%	5.4%	(1.2%)	1.0%
Expenditure per Beneficiary	\$1,026.13	\$1,151.94	\$1,164.64	\$1,191.29	\$1,303.55	4.3%	12.3%	1.1%	2.3%	9.4%

¹Data is based on date of service.²Reporting requirements are reviewed on an annual basis and, subsequently, the reporting methodology for Medicare Programs was updated in the 2021-2022 report and reflected in previously reported years 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.³Includes Fee-for-Service, Shadow and Pay Patient Services.⁴Based on Medavie insured person data. Reporting prior to 2023-24 was based on Statistics Canada total population data.

Nova Scotia Health Authority and IWK



Legend

Management Zones

- Zone 1 - Western
- Zone 2 - Northern
- Zone 3 - Eastern
- Zone 4 - Central

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 4.5
Physicians' Gross Payments by Zone

Zone	2021/22			2022/23			2023/24		
	No. of Physicians ²	Amount Paid	Average Paid Per Physician	No. of Physicians ²	Amount Paid	Average Paid Per Physician	No. of Physicians ²	Amount Paid	Average Paid Per Physician
1 - Western	475	\$140,570,622	\$295,938	504	\$153,850,524	\$305,259	511	\$173,488,298	\$339,507
2 - Northern	294	\$96,095,856	\$326,857	296	\$104,225,079	\$352,112	311	\$115,907,180	\$372,692
3 - Eastern	384	\$140,764,431	\$366,574	396	\$147,627,193	\$372,796	430	\$167,339,724	\$389,162
4 - Central	1675	\$533,399,525	\$318,447	1760	\$559,631,642	\$317,973	1761	\$606,874,130	\$344,619
Other ³	78	\$6,260,488	\$80,263	77	\$2,404,642	\$31,229	9	\$419,551	\$46,617
Total	2,906	\$917,090,922	\$315,585	3,033	\$967,739,080	\$319,070	3,022	\$1,064,028,884	\$352,094

¹Includes Fee-for-Service, Fixed Periodic Payments/Sessional, Pathology/Radiology/Internal Medicine Contracts, Emergency Unit payments, and Alternative Funded groups.

²Physician count includes all physicians with a total payment => \$1.00 and physicians from Alternative Funded Groups.

³Other includes physicians with an unknown zone (ie. providing virtual care).

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 4.6
Distribution of Gross Payments¹ by Specialty and Zone

Zone	Family Practice ²			Specialists ^{2, 3}			Total		
	No. of Physicians ⁴	Payments	Average Per Physician	No. of Physicians ⁴	Payments	Average Per Physician	No. of Physicians ⁴	Payments	Average Per Physician
1 - Western	275	\$80,866,939	\$294,062	236	\$92,621,359	\$392,463	511	\$173,488,298	\$339,507
2 - Northern	162	\$52,559,647	\$324,442	149	\$63,347,533	\$425,151	311	\$115,907,180	\$372,692
3 - Eastern	224	\$82,740,537	\$369,377	206	\$84,599,187	\$410,676	430	\$167,339,724	\$389,162
4 - Central	637	\$163,019,987	\$255,918	1124	\$443,854,143	\$394,888	1761	\$606,874,130	\$344,619
Other ⁵	4	-\$11,049	-\$2,762	5	\$430,600	\$86,120	9	\$419,551	\$46,617
Total	1302	\$379,176,061	\$291,226	1,720	\$684,852,823	\$398,170	3,022	\$1,064,028,884	\$352,094

¹Data is based on date of service.

²Alternative Funded Emergency Room Units Level 2, 3, and 4 amounts paid have been included in Family Practice as the majority of physicians in these units are Family Practitioners.

³Includes Palliative Care.

⁴Physician count includes all physicians with total billed => \$1.00.

⁵Other includes physicians with an unknown zone (ie. providing virtual care).

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 4.7
Physicians' Services¹ Fee For Service and Shadow Services
Number of Services by Type of Service

	2020/21		2021/22		2022/23		2023/24		Percent Change			
	No. of Services	% of Total	No. of Services	% of Total	No. of Services	% of Total	No. of Services	% of Total	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Consultations	368,783	4.6	417,270	4.8	424,547	4.8	448,698	5.0	(14.6%)	13.1%	1.7%	5.7%
Office Visits	3,246,394	40.3	3,389,009	38.6	3,399,138	38.2	3,330,280	36.8	(4.6%)	4.4%	0.3%	(2.0%)
Home Visits	27,607	0.3	24,816	0.3	23,828	0.3	22,243	0.2	(6.0%)	(10.1%)	(4.0%)	(6.7%)
Nursing Home Visits	106,450	1.3	112,492	1.3	117,417	1.3	114,066	1.3	(5.4%)	5.7%	4.4%	(2.9%)
Hospital Visits	490,800	6.1	514,201	5.9	500,169	5.6	508,951	5.6	(5.5%)	4.8%	(2.7%)	1.8%
Other Visits	305	0.0	377	0.0	497	0.0	436	0.0	(50.0%)	23.6%	31.8%	(12.3%)
Emergency & Out-Patient Dept. Visit	415,637	5.2	426,959	4.9	425,308	4.8	404,163	4.5	(12.5%)	2.7%	(0.4%)	(5.0%)
Critical Care	47,321	0.6	49,814	0.6	49,519	0.6	49,656	0.5	(6.4%)	5.3%	(0.6%)	0.3%
Psychiatric Services	63,638	0.8	61,428	0.7	55,904	0.6	46,940	0.5	(11.0%)	(3.5%)	(9.0%)	(16.0%)
Subtotal	4,766,935	59.2	4,996,366	56.9	4,996,327	56.2	4,925,433	54.5	(6.4%)	4.8%	0.0%	(1.4%)
Eye Examinations	19,881	0.2	23,605	0.3	25,140	0.3	26,954	0.3	(14.8%)	18.7%	6.5%	7.2%
Other Diagnostic & Therapeutic	770,660	9.6	989,640	11.3	1,018,469	11.5	1,014,927	11.2	(3.2%)	28.4%	2.9%	(0.3%)
Subtotal	790,541	9.8	1,013,245	11.5	1,043,609	11.7	1,041,881	11.5	(3.6%)	28.2%	3.0%	(0.2%)
Obstetrical Care	68,449	0.8	74,004	0.8	72,109	0.8	73,844	0.8	(10.9%)	8.1%	(2.6%)	2.4%
Major Surgery	95,272	1.2	102,618	1.2	112,577	1.3	118,838	1.3	8.4%	7.7%	9.7%	5.6%
Minor Surgery	75,772	0.9	90,338	1.0	98,982	1.1	104,738	1.2	(23.3%)	19.2%	9.6%	5.8%
Surgical Assist	27,315	0.3	28,329	0.3	32,090	0.4	33,344	0.4	(12.7%)	3.7%	13.3%	3.9%
Anaesthesia	58,847	0.7	60,270	0.7	64,261	0.7	65,846	0.7	(9.9%)	2.4%	6.6%	2.5%
Subtotal	325,655	4.0	355,559	4.0	380,019	4.3	396,610	4.4	(13.4%)	9.2%	6.9%	4.4%
All Other Services ²	2,175,518	27.0	2,418,542	27.5	2,470,651	27.8	2,681,564	29.6	(16.7%)	11.2%	2.2%	8.5%
Total Fee-for-Service	8,058,649	100.0	8,783,712	100.0	8,890,606	100.0	9,045,488	100.0	(9.4%)	9.0%	1.2%	1.7%
Pay Patient ³	6,906		8,424		15,015		19,326		(50.2%)	22.0%	78.2%	28.7%
Grand Total	8,065,555		8,792,136		8,905,621		9,064,814		(9.5%)	9.0%	1.3%	1.8%

¹Data is based on date of service and includes Shadow Services from Alternative Funded Programs.

²Includes services for add on, bone grafts, casts and splints, complete care, default, dislocations, manual assess, non-obstetrical pain management and radiology/pathology/int medicine (starting in 15/16).

³Includes Out-of-Country and Quebec services for Nova Scotia residents.

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 4.8
Physicians Services¹ Fee For Service and Shadow Services
Services Per 1,000 Insured Persons²

	Number of Services Per 1,000 Insured					Percent Change				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Consultations	445	377	421	416	388	(4.6%)	(15.3%)	11.7%	(1.0%)	(6.9%)
Office Visits	3,504	3,315	3,416	3,333	2,878	(4.5%)	(5.4%)	3.0%	(2.4%)	(13.7%)
Home Visits	30	28	25	23	19	(8.5%)	(6.8%)	(11.3%)	(0.6%)	(17.7%)
Nursing Home Visits	116	109	113	115	99	(3.4%)	(6.2%)	4.3%	1.6%	(14.4%)
Hospital Visits	535	501	518	491	440	(6.5%)	(6.4%)	3.4%	(5.4%)	(10.3%)
Other Visits	1	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Emergency & Out-Patient Dept. Visit	490	424	430	417	349	(3.1%)	(13.4%)	1.4%	(3.1%)	(16.3%)
Intensive/Critical Care	52	48	50	49	43	(7.2%)	(7.4%)	3.9%	(3.3%)	(11.6%)
Psychiatric Services	74	65	62	55	41	(10.9%)	(11.8%)	(4.7%)	(11.4%)	(26.0%)
Subtotal	5,247	4,868	5,036	4,900	4,256	(4.7%)	(7.2%)	3.5%	(2.7%)	(13.1%)
Eye Examinations	24	20	24	25	23	(7.3%)	(15.5%)	17.2%	3.6%	(5.5%)
Other Diagnostic & Therapeutic	820	787	997	999	877	(2.7%)	(4.1%)	26.7%	0.1%	(12.2%)
Subtotal	844	807	1,021	1,023	900	(2.8%)	(4.4%)	26.5%	0.2%	(12.0%)
Obstetrical Care	79	70	75	71	64	(1.0%)	(11.6%)	6.7%	(5.2%)	(9.8%)
Major Surgery	107	97	103	110	103	(0.5%)	(9.2%)	6.3%	6.7%	(7.0%)
Minor Surgery	102	77	91	97	91	(4.0%)	(23.9%)	17.7%	6.6%	(6.8%)
Surgical Assist	32	28	29	31	29	5.9%	(13.6%)	2.4%	10.2%	(8.4%)
Anaesthesia	67	60	61	63	57	(2.8%)	(10.8%)	1.1%	3.7%	(9.7%)
Subtotal	388	333	358	373	343	(1.4%)	(14.2%)	7.8%	4.0%	(8.0%)
All Other Services ³	2,698	2,229	2,446	2,438	2,334	(1.5%)	(17.4%)	9.8%	(0.3%)	(4.3%)
TOTAL⁴	9,176	8,236	8,861	8,734	7,833	(3.5%)	(10.2%)	7.6%	(1.4%)	(10.3%)

¹Data is based on date of service and includes shadow services from Alternative Funded Programs.

²Based on Medavie insured person data. Reporting prior to 2023-24 was based on Statistics Canada total population data.

³Includes services for add on, bone grafts, casts and splints, complete care, default, dislocations, manual assess, non-obstetrical pain management and radiology/pathology/int medicine (starting 15/16).

⁴Columns may not add to totals and subtotals due to rounding.



Section Five

Dental Programs

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 5.1
Dental Programs
Payment Summary¹

Payment Summary						Percent Change				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Children's Oral Health Program	\$6,405,982	\$5,357,904	\$6,118,156	\$6,226,154	\$9,838,018	4.5%	(16.4%)	14.2%	1.8%	58.0%
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	\$1,460,699	\$1,385,924	\$1,208,786	\$1,477,749	\$1,472,102	2.3%	(5.1%)	(12.8%)	22.3%	(0.4%)
IWK Dental Academic Funding Plan ²	\$1,107,308	\$1,048,669	\$1,106,586	\$1,123,184	\$1,189,335	13.0%	(5.3%)	5.5%	1.5%	5.9%
Subtotal Dental Programs	\$8,973,989	\$7,792,498	\$8,433,528	\$8,827,088	\$12,499,455	5.1%	(13.2%)	8.2%	4.7%	41.6%
Special Dental Programs ³										
Maxillofacial Prosthodontics	\$731,045	\$448,313	\$469,960	\$533,511	\$627,988	(18.0%)	(38.7%)	4.8%	13.5%	17.7%
Cleft Palate	\$269,275	\$280,951	\$410,846	\$269,156	\$416,289	17.8%	4.3%	46.2%	(34.5%)	54.7%
Individuals with Special Needs	\$347,653	\$260,446	\$301,984	\$315,616	\$342,843	8.8%	(25.1%)	15.9%	4.5%	8.6%
Exceptional Circumstances	\$36,283	\$60,495	\$93,903	\$57,397	\$66,707	62.0%	66.7%	55.2%	(38.9%)	16.2%
Subtotal Special Dental Programs	\$1,384,256	\$1,050,205	\$1,276,694	\$1,175,681	\$1,453,827	(9.8%)	(24.1%)	21.6%	(7.6%)	23.7%
Total Dental Payments	\$10,358,245	\$8,842,702	\$9,710,221	\$10,002,768	\$13,953,282	2.8%	(14.6%)	9.8%	3.0%	39.5%

¹Data is based on date of service

²Expenditures are based on bi-weekly payment cycles that occurred during the fiscal year and may differ slightly from the government's commitment defined in the IWK Dental Academic Funding Plan contract.

³Special Dental Programs procedures are also provided under the IWK Dental Academic Funding Plan. Amount paid excludes the IWK expenditure. This is included in the amount paid in Table 5.4.

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 5.2
Children's Oral Health Program
Utilization Summary^{1,2,3}

Utilization Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Percent Change				
						19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Services Rendered ⁴	166,531	139,943	153,959	149,844	176,675	(4.2%)	(16.0%)	10.0%	(2.7%)	17.9%
Amount Paid	\$6,405,982	\$5,357,904	\$6,118,156	\$6,226,154	\$9,838,018	4.5%	(16.4%)	14.2%	1.8%	58.0%
Persons Insured ⁵	153,732	153,984	156,722	160,909	162,896	0.7%	0.2%	1.8%	2.7%	1.2%
Claimants ⁶	49,776	41,788	41,998	39,823	43,927	(6.5%)	(16.0%)	0.5%	(5.2%)	10.3%
Services per Claimant	3.3	3.3	3.7	3.8	4.0	2.4%	0.1%	9.5%	2.6%	6.9%
Paid per Claimant	\$128.70	\$128.22	\$145.68	\$156.35	\$223.96	11.7%	(0.4%)	13.6%	7.3%	43.2%

¹Data is based on date of service.

²Reporting requirements are reviewed on an annual basis and, subsequently, the reporting methodology for Dental Programs was updated in the 2022-2023 report and reflected in previously reported years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

³Excludes services from providers funded by the IWK Dental Academic Funding Plan. See Table 5.4 for the IWK Dental Academic Funding Plan services.

⁴Services rendered includes laboratory services.

⁵A person who is eligible for children's dental services, provided by the province of Nova Scotia, at any point during fiscal year.

⁶Persons receiving insured services.

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 5.3
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Utilization Summary^{1,2,3}

Utilization Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Percent Change				
						19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Services Rendered ⁴	6,381	6,303	6,728	7,172	7,957	(3.9%)	(1.2%)	6.7%	6.6%	10.9%
Amount Paid	\$1,460,699	\$1,385,924	\$1,208,786	\$1,477,749	\$1,472,102	2.3%	(5.1%)	(12.8%)	22.3%	(0.4%)
Persons Insured ⁵	1,066,338	1,083,472	1,103,255	1,130,643	1,157,279	1.5%	1.6%	1.8%	2.5%	2.4%
Claimants ⁶	2,613	2,673	2,639	2,604	2,521	0.8%	2.3%	(1.3%)	(1.3%)	(3.2%)
Services per Claimant	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.8	3.2	(4.7%)	(3.4%)	8.1%	8.0%	14.6%
Paid per Claimant	\$559.01	\$518.49	\$458.05	\$567.49	\$583.94	1.5%	(7.2%)	(11.7%)	23.9%	2.9%

¹Data is based on date of service.

²Reporting requirements are reviewed on an annual basis and, subsequently, the reporting methodology for Dental Programs was updated in the 2022-2023 report and reflected in previously reported years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

³Excludes services from providers funded by the IWK Dental Academic Funding Plan. See Table 5.4 for the IWK Dental Academic Funding Plan services.

⁴Services rendered includes laboratory services.

⁵A person who is eligible for public funded health services provided by the province of Nova Scotia at any point during fiscal year.

⁶Persons receiving insured services.

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 5.4
IWK Dental Academic Funding Plan
Utilization Summary^{1,2}

Utilization Summary						Percent Change				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Services Rendered ³	10,768	8,513	9,991	9,247	9,989	27.1%	(20.9%)	17.4%	(7.4%)	8.0%
Amount Paid ⁴	\$1,107,308	\$1,048,669	\$1,106,586	\$1,123,184	\$1,189,335	13.0%	(5.3%)	5.5%	1.5%	5.9%
Claimants ⁵	1,864	1,422	1,795	1,716	1,674	47.9%	(23.7%)	26.2%	(4.4%)	(2.4%)
Services by Program										
Children's Oral Health	10,470	8,399	9,690	8,867	9,522	26.1%	(19.8%)	15.4%	(8.5%)	7.4%
Cleft Palate	8	1	1	5	7	100.0%	(87.5%)	0.0%	400.0%	40.0%
Individuals with Special Needs	290	113	300	375	460	76.8%	(61.0%)	165.5%	25.0%	22.7%
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Exceptional Circumstances	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

¹Data is date of service.

²Includes services from providers funded by the IWK Dental Academic Funding Plan.

³Services rendered includes laboratory services.

⁴Expenditures are based on bi-weekly payment cycles that occurred during the fiscal year and may differ slightly from the government's commitment defined in the IWK Dental Academic Funding Plan contract.

⁵Persons receiving insured services.

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 5.5
Special Dental Program - Maxillofacial Prosthodontics Utilization Summary^{1,2}

Utilization Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Percent Change				
						19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Services Rendered ³	1,975	1,030	920	1,041	1,104	(4.6%)	(47.8%)	(10.7%)	13.2%	6.1%
Amount Paid	\$731,045	\$448,313	\$469,960	\$533,511	\$627,988	(18.0%)	(38.7%)	4.8%	13.5%	17.7%
Claimants ⁴	910	490	390	374	384	6.3%	(46.2%)	(20.4%)	(4.1%)	2.7%
Services Per Claimant	2.2	2.1	2.4	2.8	2.9	(10.3%)	(3.1%)	12.2%	18.0%	3.3%
Paid Per Claimant	\$803.35	\$914.92	\$1,205.03	\$1,426.50	\$1,635.39	(22.9%)	13.9%	31.7%	18.4%	14.6%

¹Data is based on date of service.

²Excludes services from providers funded by the IWK Dental Academic Funding Plan. See Table 5.4 for the IWK Dental Academic Funding Plan services.

³Services rendered includes laboratory services.

⁴Persons receiving insured services.

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 5.6
Special Dental Program - Cleft Palate
Utilization Summary^{1,2}

Utilization Summary						Percent Change				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Services Rendered ³	1,074	808	1,029	883	984	2.5%	(24.8%)	27.4%	(14.2%)	11.4%
Amount Paid	\$269,275	\$280,951	\$410,846	\$269,156	\$416,289	17.8%	4.3%	46.2%	(34.5%)	54.7%
Claimants ⁴	209	183	207	214	211	(9.1%)	(12.4%)	13.1%	3.4%	(1.4%)
Services Per Claimant	5.1	4.4	5.0	4.1	4.7	12.8%	(14.1%)	12.6%	(17.0%)	13.0%
Paid Per Claimant	\$1,288.40	\$1,535.25	\$1,984.77	\$1,257.74	\$1,972.93	29.6%	19.2%	29.3%	(36.6%)	56.9%

¹Data is based on date of service.

²Excludes services from providers funded by the IWK Dental Academic Funding Plan. See Table 5.4 for the IWK Dental Academic Funding Plan services.

³Services rendered includes laboratory services.

⁴Persons receiving insured services.

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 5.7
Special Dental Program - Individuals with Special Needs
Utilization Summary^{1,2}

Utilization Summary						Percent Change				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Services Rendered ³	5,387	3,932	4,650	4,444	4,653	(1.5%)	(27.0%)	18.3%	(4.4%)	4.7%
Amount Paid	\$347,653	\$260,446	\$301,984	\$315,616	\$342,843	8.8%	(25.1%)	15.9%	4.5%	8.6%
Claimants ⁴	901	737	796	787	818	(1.1%)	(18.2%)	8.0%	(1.1%)	3.9%
Services Per Claimant	6.0	5.3	5.8	5.6	5.7	(0.4%)	(10.8%)	9.5%	(3.3%)	0.7%
Paid Per Claimant	\$ 385.85	\$ 353.39	\$ 379.38	\$ 401.04	\$ 419.12	10.0%	(8.4%)	7.4%	5.7%	4.5%

¹Data is based on date of service.

²Excludes services from providers funded by the IWK Dental Academic Funding Plan. See Table 5.4 for the IWK Dental Academic Funding Plan services.

³Services rendered includes laboratory services.

⁴Persons receiving insured services.

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 5.8
Special Dental Program - Exceptional Circumstances
Utilization Summary^{1,2}

Utilization Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Percent Change				
						19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Services Rendered ³	101	83	73	132	70	31.2%	(17.8%)	(12.0%)	80.8%	(47.0%)
Amount Paid	\$36,283	\$60,495	\$93,903	\$57,397	\$66,707	(62.0%)	66.7%	55.2%	(38.9%)	16.2%
Claimants ⁴	15	8	12	19	19	0.0%	(46.7%)	50.0%	58.3%	0.0%
Services Per Claimant	6.7	10.4	6.1	6.9	3.7	31.2%	54.1%	(41.4%)	14.2%	(47.0%)
Paid Per Claimant	\$2,418.86	\$7,561.90	\$7,825.25	\$3,020.92	\$3,510.87	(62.0%)	212.6%	3.5%	(61.4%)	16.2%

¹Data is based on date of service.

²Excludes services from providers funded by the IWK Dental Academic Funding Plan. See Table 5.4 for the IWK Dental Academic Funding Plan services.

³Services rendered includes laboratory services.

⁴Persons receiving insured services.



Section Six

Optometric Services

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 6.1
Optometric Services
Payment and Utilization Summary^{1,2}

Payment Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Percent Change				
						19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Fee-for-Service Payments	\$8,797,548	\$7,247,086	\$8,729,884	\$10,035,939	\$10,633,719	4.1%	(17.6%)	20.5%	15.0%	6.0%
Pay Patient	\$0	\$53	\$0	\$0	\$30	0.0%	>100	>100	0.0%	0.0%
Retroactive Payments	\$0	\$0	\$1,188,718	\$116	\$0	>100	0.0%	>100	>100	>100
Total	\$8,797,548	\$7,247,139	\$9,918,602	\$10,036,055	\$10,633,749	3.2%	(17.6%)	36.9%	1.2%	6.0%
Utilization Summary										
Services Rendered	177,815	143,949	171,411	185,614	195,925	3.6%	(19.0%)	19.1%	8.3%	5.6%
Persons Receiving Services(Claimants)	140,844	118,076	137,067	144,480	152,069	3.7%	(16.2%)	16.1%	5.4%	5.3%

¹ Data is based on date of service.

² Reporting requirements are reviewed on an annual basis and, subsequently, the reporting methodology for Optometric Programs was updated in the 2022-2023 report and reflected in previously reported years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.



Section Seven

Prosthetic Programs

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 7.1
Prosthetic Programs
Payment Summary¹

Payment Summary						Percent Change				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Breast ¹	\$149,415	\$125,654	\$137,927	\$151,073	\$262,694	(2.5%)	(15.9%)	9.8%	9.5%	73.9%
Limb ²	\$1,129,746	\$996,503	\$961,801	\$1,157,199	\$1,404,714	5.0%	(11.8%)	(3.5%)	20.3%	21.4%
Ocular ¹	\$152,846	\$125,379	\$157,711	\$141,749	\$147,515	(11.7%)	(18.0%)	25.8%	(10.1%)	4.1%
Total Prosthetic Programs Payments	\$1,432,007	\$1,247,536	\$1,257,439	\$1,450,021	\$1,814,923	2.1%	(12.9%)	0.8%	15.3%	25.2%

¹Data is based on date of service.

²Data is based on date of invoice.

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 7.2
Prosthetic Programs - Breast Prostheses
Utilization Summary¹

Utilization Summary						Percent Change				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Services Rendered	870	729	806	787	842	(6.7%)	(16.2%)	10.6%	(2.4%)	7.0%
Amount Paid	\$149,415	\$125,654	\$137,927	\$151,073	\$262,694	(2.5%)	(15.9%)	9.8%	9.5%	73.9%
Claimants ²	761	641	681	681	735	(6.5%)	(15.8%)	6.2%	0.0%	7.9%
Paid Per Service	\$171.7	\$172.4	\$171.1	\$192.0	\$312.0	4.5%	0.4%	(0.7%)	12.2%	62.5%
Services Per Claimant	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.1	(0.2%)	(0.5%)	4.1%	(2.4%)	(0.9%)
Paid Per Claimant	\$196.3	\$196.0	\$202.5	\$221.8	\$357.4	4.3%	(0.2%)	3.3%	9.5%	61.1%

¹Data is based on date of service.

²Persons receiving Insured Services

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 7.3
Prosthetic Programs - Limb Prostheses
Utilization Summary¹

Utilization Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Percent Change				
						19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Services Rendered	2,278	1,995	1,938	2,428	2,843	1.4%	(12.4%)	(2.9%)	25.3%	17.1%
Amount Paid	\$1,129,746	\$996,503	\$961,801	\$1,157,199	\$1,404,714	5.0%	(11.8%)	(3.5%)	20.3%	21.4%
Claimants ²	423	388	384	411	440	0.7%	(8.3%)	(1.0%)	7.0%	7.1%
Services Per Claimant	5.4	5.1	5.0	5.9	6.5	0.7%	(4.5%)	(1.8%)	17.1%	9.4%
Paid Per Claimant	\$2,670.8	\$2,568.3	\$2,504.7	\$2,815.6	\$3,192.5	4.3%	(3.8%)	(2.5%)	12.4%	13.4%

¹Data is based on date of invoice.

²Persons receiving Insured Services.

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 7.4
Prosthetic Programs - Ocular Prostheses
Utilization Summary¹

Utilization Summary						Percent Change				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Services Rendered	589	240	403	453	537	0.5%	(59.3%)	67.9%	12.4%	18.5%
Amount Paid	\$152,846	\$125,379	\$157,711	\$141,749	\$147,515	(11.7%)	(18.0%)	25.8%	(10.1%)	4.1%
Claimants ²	382	221	276	290	343	(0.3%)	(42.1%)	24.9%	5.1%	18.3%
Paid Per Service	\$259.5	\$522.4	\$391.3	\$312.9	\$274.7	(12.2%)	101.3%	(25.1%)	(20.0%)	(12.2%)
Services Per Claimant	1.5	1.1	1.5	1.6	1.6	0.8%	(29.6%)	34.5%	7.0%	0.2%
Paid Per Claimant	\$400.1	\$567.3	\$571.4	\$488.8	\$430.1	(11.5%)	41.8%	0.7%	(14.5%)	(12.0%)

¹Data is based on date of service.

²Persons receiving Insured Services.



Section Eight

Pharmacare Programs

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 8.1
Seniors' Pharmacare Program
Payment and Utilization Summary¹

						Percent Change				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Total Cost of Claims²	\$206,312,646	\$219,771,981	\$231,485,810	\$249,600,393	\$274,374,816	7.8%	6.5%	5.3%	7.8%	9.9%
Total Government Expenditure	\$179,692,551	\$192,406,471	\$203,278,249	\$219,702,194	\$243,359,719	8.5%	7.1%	5.7%	8.1%	10.8%
Utilization Summary										
No. of Seniors ³	201,701	208,825	215,879	222,727	233,519	3.1%	3.5%	3.4%	3.2%	4.8%
Persons Insured ⁴	139,233	142,625	146,962	151,483	154,124	3.3%	2.4%	3.0%	3.1%	1.7%
Claimants ⁵	129,277	131,788	135,772	139,913	142,925	2.8%	1.9%	3.0%	3.0%	2.2%
Percent of Persons Insured	92.8	92.4	92.4	92.4	92.7	(0.5%)	(0.4%)	(0.0%)	(0.0%)	0.4%
Total Claims ⁶	4,460,153	4,701,227	4,630,489	4,772,820	4,984,559	3.8%	5.4%	(1.5%)	3.1%	4.4%
Claims Per Insured	32.0	33.0	31.5	31.5	32.3	0.3%	3.1%	(4.5%)	(0.0%)	2.6%
Govt Expenditure Per Insured	\$1,290.6	\$1,349.0	\$1,383.2	\$1,450.3	\$1,579.0	5.0%	4.5%	2.5%	4.9%	8.9%
Claims Per Claimant	34.5	35.7	34.1	34.1	34.9	0.9%	3.4%	(4.4%)	0.0%	2.2%
Govt Expenditure Per Claimant	\$1,389.98	\$1,459.97	\$1,497.20	\$1,570.28	\$1,702.71	5.5%	5.0%	2.6%	4.9%	8.4%

¹Data is based on date of service.

²Total Expenditure includes total professional fee paid, total drug cost paid and total upcharge paid. This represents the total expenditure for the Seniors Pharmacare program, not only the Department of Health expenditure.

³Estimate of insured persons 65 years & older from Statistics Canada as of July 1st each year.

⁴Persons registered in the program at any point during fiscal year

⁵Persons receiving insured services.

⁶Includes initial prescription, all refills and pharmacy professional services

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 8.2
Seniors' Pharmacare Program
Total Drug Utilization¹ by Age
Fiscal 2023/24

Age Group²	Claimants³	Number of Claims	Pharmacists' Drug Cost	Fees⁴	Total Cost of Claims⁵	Total Government Expenditure	Claims Per Claimant	Govt Expend Per Claimant
65 - 69	34,768	908,609	\$46,563,334	\$14,849,535	\$61,412,868	\$54,977,776	26	\$1,581.28
70 - 74	36,600	1,144,924	\$53,629,777	\$18,355,399	\$71,985,176	\$64,314,201	31	\$1,757.22
75 - 79	31,980	1,156,114	\$46,309,600	\$17,990,016	\$64,299,615	\$57,084,295	36	\$1,785.00
80 - 84	20,176	837,175	\$29,260,884	\$12,740,824	\$42,001,708	\$37,217,761	41	\$1,844.66
85 - 89	11,607	543,291	\$14,471,407	\$7,971,943	\$22,443,350	\$19,527,400	47	\$1,682.38
90 - 94	5,636	287,659	\$5,248,789	\$4,052,931	\$9,301,720	\$7,842,454	51	\$1,391.49
95 - 99	1,808	91,152	\$1,291,213	\$1,262,051	\$2,553,264	\$2,103,046	50	\$1,163.19
100+	350	15,635	\$164,605	\$212,509	\$377,114	\$292,787	45	\$836.53
Total	142,925	4,984,559	\$196,939,608	\$77,435,208	\$274,374,816	\$243,359,719	35	\$1,702.71

¹ Data is based on date of service.

² Age as of March 31

³ Persons receiving insured services.

⁴ Pharmacists Fees includes Total Professional Fee Paid and Total Upcharge Paid.

⁵ This represents the total expenditure for the Seniors Pharmacare program, not only the Department of Health expenditure.

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 8.3
Seniors' Pharmacare Program
Female Drug Utilization¹ by Age
Fiscal Year 2023/24

Age Group ²	Claimants ³	Number of Claims	Pharmacists' Drug Cost	Fees ⁴	Total Cost of Claims ⁵	Total Government Expenditure	Claims Per Claimant	Govt Expend Per Claimant
65 - 69	19,146	488,558	\$24,363,947	\$7,945,764	\$32,309,711	\$28,858,189	26	\$1,507.27
70 - 74	19,877	605,063	\$25,956,918	\$9,557,767	\$35,514,685	\$31,416,451	30	\$1,580.54
75 - 79	17,621	635,834	\$22,510,741	\$9,674,874	\$32,185,615	\$28,245,991	36	\$1,602.97
80 - 84	11,392	478,174	\$14,033,023	\$7,100,338	\$21,133,361	\$18,460,826	42	\$1,620.51
85 - 89	7,021	334,538	\$7,437,763	\$4,797,161	\$12,234,923	\$10,480,653	48	\$1,492.76
90 - 94	3,842	201,274	\$3,262,824	\$2,800,035	\$6,062,859	\$5,065,362	52	\$1,318.42
95 - 99	1,422	74,384	\$929,544	\$1,018,402	\$1,947,945	\$1,587,813	52	\$1,116.61
100+	326	14,778	\$155,300	\$200,776	\$356,076	\$276,868	45	\$849.29
Total	80,647	2,832,603	\$98,650,058	\$43,095,117	\$141,745,175	\$124,392,154	35	\$1,542.43

Male Drug Utilization¹ by Age
Fiscal Year 2023/24

Age Group ²	Claimants ³	Number of Claims	Pharmacists' Drug Cost	Fees ⁴	Total Cost of Claims ⁵	Total Government Expenditure	Claims Per Claimant	Govt Expend Per Claimant
65 - 69	15,622	420,051	\$22,199,386	\$6,903,771	\$29,103,157	\$26,119,587	27	\$1,671.97
70 - 74	16,723	539,861	\$27,672,859	\$8,797,632	\$36,470,491	\$32,897,750	32	\$1,967.22
75 - 79	14,359	520,280	\$23,798,859	\$8,315,142	\$32,114,001	\$28,838,305	36	\$2,008.38
80 - 84	8,784	359,001	\$15,227,861	\$5,640,485	\$20,868,347	\$18,756,934	41	\$2,135.35
85 - 89	4,586	208,753	\$7,033,644	\$3,174,783	\$10,208,427	\$9,046,747	46	\$1,972.69
90 - 94	1,794	86,385	\$1,985,965	\$1,252,896	\$3,238,861	\$2,777,092	48	\$1,547.99
95 - 99	386	16,768	\$361,669	\$243,649	\$605,319	\$515,232	43	\$1,334.80
100+	24	857	\$9,305	\$11,733	\$21,038	\$15,919	36	\$663.29
Total	62,278	2,151,956	\$98,289,550	\$34,340,091	\$132,629,641	\$118,967,565	35	\$1,910.27

¹ Data is based on date of service.

² Age as of March 31

³ Persons receiving insured services.

⁴ Pharmacists Fees includes Total Professional Fee Paid and Total Upcharge Paid.

⁵ This represents the total expenditure for the Seniors Pharmacare program, not only the Department of Health expenditure.

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 8.4
Seniors' Pharmacare Program
Utilization¹ by Zone of Claimant
(Claims)
Fiscal 2022/23 to 2023/24

Zone	Claimants ²		Percent Change		Claims Count		Percent Change		Claims/Claimant	
	22/23	23/24	22/23	23/24	22/23	23/24	22/23	23/24	22/23	23/24
1- Western Zone	35,424	36,182	3.1%	2.1%	1,117,102	1,167,839	2.5%	4.5%	31.5	32.3
2- Northern Zone	24,598	25,047	2.9%	1.8%	893,461	930,419	2.3%	4.1%	36.3	37.1
3- Eastern Zone	32,264	32,775	2.7%	1.6%	1,267,573	1,332,183	3.1%	5.1%	39.3	40.6
4 - Central Zone	48,221	49,348	3.8%	2.3%	1,487,963	1,549,465	4.3%	4.1%	30.9	31.4
Unknown	629	272	36.1%	(56.8%)	6,721	4,653	(35.2%)	(30.8%)	10.7	17.1
Total	139,913	142,925	3.0%	2.2%	4,772,820	4,984,559	3.1%	4.4%	34.1	34.9

¹ Data is based on date of service.

² Persons receiving insured services. Column totals may not add to totals as residents may be counted in more than one zone

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 8.5
Seniors' Pharmacare Program
Utilization¹ by Zone of Claimant
(Expenditure)
Fiscal Year 2022/23 to 2023/24

Zone	Claimants ²		Total Cost of Claims ³		Total Government Expenditure		Percent Change		Govt Expend/Claimant	
	22/23	23/24	22/23	23/24	22/23	23/24	22/23	23/24	22/23	23/24
1- Western Zone	35,424	36,182	\$60,381,807	\$66,324,647	\$52,912,372	\$58,464,665	9.5%	10.5%	\$1,493.69	\$1,615.85
2- Northern Zone	24,598	25,047	\$43,241,541	\$46,726,387	\$37,740,594	\$40,951,287	6.4%	8.5%	\$1,534.30	\$1,634.98
3- Eastern Zone	32,264	32,775	\$62,253,480	\$69,768,349	\$55,109,357	\$62,324,167	5.9%	13.1%	\$1,708.08	\$1,901.58
4 - Central Zone	48,221	49,348	\$83,321,627	\$91,334,077	\$73,588,975	\$81,426,925	9.8%	10.7%	\$1,526.08	\$1,650.06
Unknown	629	272	\$401,938	\$221,356	\$350,896	\$192,675	(15.3%)	(45.1%)	\$557.86	\$708.36
Total	139,913	142,925	\$249,600,393	\$274,374,816	\$219,702,194	\$243,359,719	8..1%	10.8%	\$1,570.28	\$1,702.71

¹ Data is based on date of service.

² Persons receiving insured services. Column totals may not add to totals as residents may be counted in more than one zone

³ This represents the total expenditure for the Seniors Pharmacare program, not only the Department of Health expenditure.

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 8.6
Special Funding Assistance Programs for Residents
Payment Summary^{1,2}

Payment Summary						Percent Change				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Cystic Fibrosis ³										
- drugs	\$2,139,729	\$1,974,918	\$9,146,740	\$28,850,639	\$33,168,488	8.9%	(7.7%)	363.1%	215.4%	15.0%
- equipment & emergency	\$95,742	\$34,823	\$18,742	\$21,183	\$20,860	11.4%	(63.6%)	(46.2%)	13.0%	(1.5%)
Subtotal Cystic Fibrosis	\$2,235,471	\$2,009,741	\$9,165,482	\$28,871,822	\$33,189,348	9.0%	(10.1%)	356.1%	215.0%	15.0%
Diabetes Insipidus	\$119,641	\$116,518	\$112,315	\$94,974	\$99,531	10.0%	(2.6%)	(3.6%)	(15.4%)	4.8%
Cancer	\$3,141,999	\$4,171,029	\$4,280,786	\$5,804,634	\$8,875,042	81.9%	32.8%	2.6%	35.6%	52.9%
Growth Hormone Deficiency	\$391,371	\$481,393	\$488,052	\$460,605	\$520,379	(3.7%)	23.0%	1.4%	(5.6%)	13.0%
HIV/AIDS Program	\$36,472	\$25,261	\$13,555	\$13,798	\$13,908	(4.1%)	(30.7%)	(46.3%)	1.8%	0.8%
MS Copayment Program	\$7,429	\$7,088	\$12,899	\$3,535	\$7,336	(46.6%)	(4.6%)	82.0%	(72.6%)	107.5%
Total Special Assistance Programs	\$5,932,383	\$6,811,030	\$14,073,089	\$35,249,368	\$42,705,544	36.5%	14.8%	106.6%	150.5%	21.2%

¹ Data is based on date of invoice for manual claims and date of service for electronic claims.

² Reporting requirements are reviewed on an annual basis and, subsequently, the reporting methodology for Special Funding program was updated in the 2021-2022 report and reflected in previously reported years 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

³ Fiscal years 2021-22 onward reflect the addition of coverage under the program for a new high-cost drug.

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 8.7
Special Funding Assistance Programs for Residents with Cystic Fibrosis
Utilization Summary^{1,2}

Program Expenditure	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Percent Change				
						19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Drugs ⁵	\$2,139,729	\$1,974,918	\$9,146,740	\$28,850,639	\$33,168,488	8.9%	(7.7%)	363.1%	215.4%	15.0%
Equipment and Emergency	\$95,742	\$34,823	\$18,742	\$21,183	\$20,860	11.4%	(63.6%)	(46.2%)	13.0%	(1.5%)
Total Program Expenditure	\$2,235,471	\$2,009,741	\$9,165,482	\$28,871,822	\$33,189,348	9.0%	(10.1%)	356.1%	215.0%	15.0%
Utilization Summary										
Claimants ³	172	172	177	178	185	5.5%	0.0%	2.9%	0.5%	3.9%
Expenditure Per Claimant ⁴	\$12,440.68	\$11,482.08	\$51,782.38	\$162,201.24	\$179,289.12	3.2%	(7.7%)	350.9%	213.2%	10.5%

¹ Data is based on date of invoice for manual claims and date of service for electronic claims.

² Reporting requirements are reviewed on an annual basis and, subsequently, the reporting methodology for Special Funding program was updated in the 2023-2024 report and reflected in previously reported years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.

³ Persons receiving insured services.

⁴ Per Claimant expenditure excludes dollar value for equipment.

⁵ Fiscal years 2021-22 onward reflect the addition of coverage under the program for a new high-cost drug.

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 8.8
Special Funding Assistance Programs for Residents with Diabetes Insipidus
Utilization Summary^{1,2}

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Percent Change				
	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24					
Program Expenditure	\$119,641	\$116,518	\$112,315	\$94,974	\$99,531	10.0%	(2.6%)	(3.6%)	(15.4%)	4.8%
Utilization Summary										
Claimants ³	79	78	81	84	86	(1.3%)	(1.3%)	3.8%	3.7%	2.4%
Expenditure Per Claimant	\$1,514.44	\$1,493.82	\$1,386.60	\$1,130.64	\$1,157.34	11.4%	(1.4%)	(7.2%)	(18.5%)	2.4%

¹ Data is based on date of invoice

² Reporting requirements are reviewed on an annual basis and, subsequently, the reporting methodology for Special Funding program was updated in the 2021-2022 report and reflected in previously reported years 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

³ Persons receiving insured services.

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 8.9
Special Funding Assistance Programs for Residents with Cancer
Utilization Summary¹

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Percent Change				
	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24					
Program Expenditure	\$3,141,999	\$4,171,029	\$4,280,786	\$5,804,634	\$8,875,042	81.9%	32.8%	2.6%	35.6%	52.9%
Utilization Summary										
Claimants ²	870	1021	1248	1641	1978	15.4%	17.4%	22.2%	31.5%	20.5%
Expenditure Per Claimant	\$3,611.49	\$4,085.24	\$3,430.12	\$3,537.25	\$4,486.88	57.7%	13.1%	(16.0%)	3.1%	26.8%

¹ Data is based on date of service .

² Persons receiving insured services.

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 8.10
Special Funding Assistance Programs for Residents with Growth Hormone Deficiency
Utilization Summary¹

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Percent Change				
	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24					
Program Expenditure	\$391,371	\$488,052	\$488,052	\$460,605	\$520,379	(3.7%)	23.0%	0.0%	(5.6%)	13.0%
Utilization Summary										
Claimants ³	36	40	39	39	40	5.9%	11.1%	(2.5%)	0.0%	2.6%
Expenditure Per Claimant	\$10,871.42	\$12,201.30	\$12,514.15	\$11,810.38	\$13,009.48	(9.1%)	10.7%	2.6%	(5.6%)	10.2%

¹ Data is based on date of invoice.

² Reporting requirements are reviewed on an annual basis and, subsequently, the reporting methodology for Special Funding program was updated in the 2021-2022 report and reflected in previously reported years 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

³ Persons receiving insured services.

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 8.11
Family Pharmacare Program
Payment and Utilization Summary¹

						Percent Change				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Total Cost of Claims²	\$67,802,316	\$71,319,751	\$77,561,947	\$69,749,558	\$71,038,954	5.1%	5.2%	8.8%	(10.1%)	1.8%
Total Government Expenditure	\$49,020,771	\$51,778,864	\$55,527,724	\$47,626,084	\$49,426,017	5.6%	5.6%	7.2%	(14.2%)	3.8%
Persons Insured ³	40,670	39,547	39,942	38,368	37,283	(2.2%)	(2.8%)	1.0%	(3.9%)	(2.8%)
Claimants ⁴	26,461	25,017	25,780	24,646	23,800	(1.7%)	(5.5%)	3.0%	(4.4%)	(3.4%)
Percent of Persons Insured	65.1	63.3	64.5	64.2	63.8	0.5%	(2.8%)	2.0%	(0.5%)	(0.6%)
Total Claims ⁵	676,157	666,423	700,609	617,008	584,131	1.8%	(1.4%)	5.1%	(11.9%)	(5.3%)
Claims Per Insured	16.6	16.9	17.5	16.1	15.7	4.1%	1.4%	4.1%	(8.3%)	(2.6%)
Govt Expenditure Per Insured	\$1,205.3	\$1,309.3	\$1,390.2	\$1,241.3	\$1,325.7	8.0%	8.6%	6.2%	(10.7%)	6.8%
Claims Per Claimant	25.6	26.6	27.2	25.0	24.5	3.5%	4.2%	2.0%	(7.9%)	(2.0%)
Govt Expenditure Per Claimant	\$1,852.57	\$2,069.75	\$2,153.91	\$1,932.41	\$2,076.72	7.5%	11.7%	4.1%	(10.3%)	7.5%

¹Data is based on date of service.

²Total Expenditure includes total professional fee paid, total drug cost paid and total upcharge paid. This represents the total expenditure for the Family Pharmacare program, not on the Department of Health expenditure.

³Persons registered in program at any point during fiscal year

⁴Persons receiving insured services.

⁵Includes initial prescription, all refills and pharmacy professional services

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 8.12
Family Pharmacare Program
Total Drug Utilization¹ by Age
Fiscal 2023/24

Age Group²	Claimants³	Number of Claims	Drug Cost	Pharmacists' Fees⁴	Total Cost of Claims⁵	Total Government Expenditure	Claims Per Claimant	Govt Expend Per Claimant
0-4	343	1,254	\$424,529	\$21,966	\$446,494	\$377,266	4	\$1,099.90
5-9	663	3,292	\$245,377	\$60,886	\$306,263	\$173,668	5	\$261.94
10-14	768	5,039	\$891,627	\$96,222	\$987,849	\$706,262	7	\$919.61
15-19	930	7,394	\$1,239,408	\$146,220	\$1,385,629	\$1,129,386	8	\$1,214.39
20-24	922	11,708	\$2,281,323	\$294,675	\$2,575,998	\$2,120,537	13	\$2,299.93
25-29	1,145	25,458	\$4,421,088	\$603,550	\$5,024,638	\$3,955,355	22	\$3,454.46
30-34	1,212	33,113	\$4,533,472	\$657,644	\$5,191,115	\$3,930,598	27	\$3,243.07
35-39	1,334	34,827	\$4,878,591	\$716,612	\$5,595,204	\$4,062,586	26	\$3,045.42
40-44	1,413	36,989	\$4,328,760	\$710,624	\$5,039,384	\$3,715,571	26	\$2,629.56
45-49	1,621	38,783	\$5,259,924	\$863,017	\$6,122,941	\$4,208,553	24	\$2,596.27
50-54	2,005	55,904	\$5,638,437	\$1,100,586	\$6,739,023	\$4,404,705	28	\$2,196.86
55-59	3,156	94,085	\$7,468,349	\$1,735,788	\$9,204,138	\$6,081,200	30	\$1,926.87
60-64	5,723	175,734	\$13,800,605	\$3,184,741	\$16,985,346	\$11,260,298	31	\$1,967.55
65+	2,565	60,551	\$4,371,716	\$1,063,217	\$5,434,933	\$3,300,033	24	\$1,286.56
Total	23,800	584,131	\$59,783,206	\$11,255,748	\$71,038,954	\$49,426,017	25	\$2,076.72

¹ Data is based on date of service.

² Age as of March 31

³ Persons receiving insured services.

⁴ Pharmacists Fees includes Total Professional Fee Paid and Total Upcharge Paid.

⁵ This represents the total expenditure for the Family Pharmacare program, not only the Department of Health expenditure.

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 8.13
Family Pharmacare Program
Female Drug Utilization¹ by Age
Fiscal Year 2023/24

Age Group²	Claimants³	Number of Claims	Drug Cost	Pharmacists' Fees⁴	Total Cost of Claims⁵	Total Government Expenditure	Claims Per Claimant	Govt Expend Per Claimant
0-4	164	500	\$48,513	\$10,140	\$58,653	\$41,366	3	\$252.23
5-9	286	1,180	\$106,814	\$24,189	\$131,003	\$80,601	4	\$281.82
10-14	378	1,998	\$226,172	\$39,578	\$265,749	\$177,671	5	\$470.03
15-19	550	4,513	\$595,952	\$88,705	\$684,657	\$569,040	8	\$1,034.62
20-24	558	6,696	\$1,159,896	\$162,324	\$1,322,220	\$1,063,971	12	\$1,906.76
25-29	656	14,910	\$2,412,453	\$342,726	\$2,755,179	\$2,148,878	23	\$3,275.73
30-34	721	14,704	\$2,697,412	\$305,434	\$3,002,847	\$2,340,814	20	\$3,246.62
35-39	813	17,073	\$2,561,350	\$372,366	\$2,933,716	\$2,079,976	21	\$2,558.40
40-44	889	22,007	\$3,030,827	\$431,206	\$3,462,033	\$2,645,815	25	\$2,976.17
45-49	973	23,030	\$3,267,205	\$528,275	\$3,795,480	\$2,569,437	24	\$2,640.74
50-54	1,173	33,541	\$3,277,601	\$653,437	\$3,931,039	\$2,569,617	29	\$2,190.64
55-59	1,829	52,752	\$4,491,928	\$997,688	\$5,489,616	\$3,761,527	29	\$2,056.60
60-64	3,302	98,475	\$7,946,184	\$1,780,355	\$9,726,539	\$6,281,091	30	\$1,902.21
65+	1,315	30,582	\$1,890,517	\$506,829	\$2,397,346	\$1,420,759	23	\$1,080.43
Total	13,607	321,961	\$33,712,824	\$6,243,253	\$39,956,077	\$27,750,563	24	\$2,039.43

¹ Data is based on date of service.

² Age as of March 31

³ Persons receiving insured services.

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Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 8.13a
Family Pharmacare Program
Male Drug Utilization¹ by Age
Fiscal Year 2023/24

Age Group²	Claimants³	Number of Claims	Drug Cost	Pharmacists' Fees⁴	Total Cost of Claims⁵	Total Government Expenditure	Claims Per Claimant	Govt Expend Per Claimant
0-4	179	754	\$376,015	\$11,825	\$387,841	\$335,901	4	\$1,876.54
5-9	377	2,112	\$138,564	\$36,697	\$175,261	\$93,067	6	\$246.86
10-14	390	3,041	\$665,455	\$56,644	\$722,100	\$528,591	8	\$1,355.36
15-19	380	2,881	\$643,456	\$57,515	\$700,971	\$560,347	8	\$1,474.60
20-24	364	5,012	\$1,121,427	\$132,351	\$1,253,778	\$1,056,566	14	\$2,902.65
25-29	489	10,548	\$2,008,635	\$260,824	\$2,269,459	\$1,806,477	22	\$3,694.23
30-34	491	18,409	\$1,836,059	\$352,209	\$2,188,269	\$1,589,783	37	\$3,237.85
35-39	521	17,754	\$2,317,242	\$344,246	\$2,661,488	\$1,982,610	34	\$3,805.39
40-44	524	14,982	\$1,297,934	\$279,417	\$1,577,351	\$1,069,756	29	\$2,041.52
45-49	648	15,753	\$1,992,719	\$334,742	\$2,327,462	\$1,639,116	24	\$2,529.50
50-54	832	22,363	\$2,360,835	\$447,148	\$2,807,984	\$1,835,087	27	\$2,205.63
55-59	1,327	41,333	\$2,976,421	\$738,100	\$3,714,522	\$2,319,673	31	\$1,748.06
60-64	2,421	77,259	\$5,854,421	\$1,404,386	\$7,258,807	\$4,979,207	32	\$2,056.67
65+	1,250	29,969	\$2,481,199	\$556,388	\$3,037,587	\$1,879,273	24	\$1,503.42
Total	10,193	262,170	\$26,070,383	\$5,012,494	\$31,082,877	\$21,675,454	26	\$2,126.50

¹ Data is based on date of service.

² Age as of March 31

³ Persons receiving insured services.

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Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 8.14
Family Pharmacare Program
Utilization¹ by Zone of Claimant
(Claims)
Fiscal 2022/23 to 2023/24

Zone	Claimants ²		Percent Change		Claims Count		Percent Change		Claims/Claimant	
	22/23	23/24	22/23	23/24	22/23	23/24	22/23	23/24	22/23	23/24
1- Western Zone	7,202	7,107	(2.3%)	(1.3%)	172,224	165,795	(7.5%)	(3.7%)	23.9	23.3
2- Northern Zone	4,406	4,211	(5.6%)	(4.4%)	112,569	106,859	(12.1%)	(5.1%)	25.5	25.4
3- Eastern Zone	4,382	4,144	(7.2%)	(5.4%)	148,749	134,492	(16.1%)	(9.6%)	33.9	32.5
4 - Central Zone	8,769	8,414	(3.9%)	(4.0%)	182,522	176,596	(12.0%)	(3.2%)	20.8	21.0
Unknown	103	34	32.1%	(67.0%)	944	389	(44.6%)	(58.8%)	9.2	11.4
Total	24,646	23,800	(4.4%)	(3.4%)	617,008	584,131	(11.9%)	(5.3%)	25.0	24.5

¹ Data is based on date of service.

² Persons receiving insured services. Column totals may not add to totals as residents may be counted in more than one zone

Nova Scotia Department of Health - Table 8.15
Family Pharmacare Program
Utilization¹ by Zone of Claimant
(Expenditure)
Fiscal Year 2022/23 to 2023/24

Zone	Claimants ²		Total Cost of Claims ³		Total Government Expenditure		Percent Change		Govt Expend/Claimant	
	22/23	23/24	22/23	23/24	22/23	23/24	22/23	23/24	22/23	23/24
1- Western Zone	7,202	7,107	\$18,340,673	\$19,031,043	\$11,732,179	\$12,556,621	(12.4%)	3.8%	\$1,629.02	\$1,766.80
2- Northern Zone	4,406	4,211	\$11,490,749	\$11,750,302	\$7,447,784	\$7,675,308	(7.2%)	2.3%	\$1,690.37	\$1,822.68
3- Eastern Zone	4,382	4,144	\$13,930,888	\$13,893,613	\$9,329,762	\$9,423,360	(12.3%)	(0.3%)	\$2,129.11	\$2,273.98
4 - Central Zone	8,769	8,414	\$18,340,673	\$19,031,043	\$19,003,894	\$19,735,808	(35.1%)	3.8%	\$2,167.17	\$2,345.59
Unknown	103	34	\$156,195	\$42,235	\$112,465	\$34,920	31.8%	(73.0%)	\$1,091.89	\$1,027.07
Total	24,646	23,800	\$69,749,558	\$71,038,954	\$47,626,084	\$49,426,017	(10.1%)	1.8%	\$1,932.41	\$2,076.72

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² Persons receiving insured services. Column totals may not add to totals as residents may be counted in more than one zone

³ This represents the total expenditure for the Family Pharmacare program, not only the Department of Health expenditure.

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