

Continuing Care Program - CCA Student Placement Incentive

In recognition of the contribution of nursing homes, home support agencies, and their staff, toward the education of CCAs, the Department of Health is pleased to offer a financial incentive to those homes and agencies who accept CCA students for their placements, effective July 1, 2008. This funding will be distributed on September 30 and again March 31, to eligible agencies and homes to be used for general staff education.

Each student is required to perform 10 weeks of practicum placement as follows:

- Placement 1- requires 30 hours (5 day) = 1 week in a nursing home
- Placement 2 - requires 50 hours (10 days) = 2 week in home care
and 80 hours (10 days) = 2 week in a nursing home
- Placement 3 - requires 50 hours (10 days) = 2 week in home care
and 120 hours (15 days) = 3 week in a nursing home

For each week of placement provided, the placement agency /home is eligible to receive \$10 per student. Thus, if a student did both placement 2 and 3 with one home support agency, the home support agency would be eligible to receive a total of \$40 for that student. Similarly, if that same student did all 3 nursing home placements in one home, that nursing home would be eligible to receive \$60 (\$10 for the 1 week in placement 1 + \$20 for the 2 weeks in Placement 2 + \$30 for the 3 weeks for placement 3).

A maximum of \$100 is allocated for each student for his/her total 10 weeks of placement.

To receive the funding, each home or agency must submit to Continuing Care Branch, Department of Health, attention CJ Malton, an invoice including the following information:

- name of each student,
- program/school they are with
- number of weeks and hours, or days of practicum placement the student did at your agency/home.
- total funds request for that student
- total funds request for all placements included on the invoice.

Include on your invoice the information for all CCAs who did placements at your facility/agent and have completed the program during that time frame.

Be sure to keep a record of how the funds received through this Placement Incentive initiative for future auditing and evaluation purposes.

If you have any questions please contact CJ Malton by e-mail: cj.malton@gov.ns.ca or phone 424-8597.