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## Ontario Health Insurance Plan

### INFOBulletin

#### 2020-2021 Northern Physician Retention Initiative

**The 2020-2021 application form for the Northern Physician Retention Initiative is available on the ministry website.**

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### Northern Physician Retention Initiative (NPRI)

The [2020-21 application form for the Northern Physician Retention Initiative](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/northernhealth/npri.aspx) <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/northernhealth/npri.aspx> is currently available on the ministry webpage.

Again this year, payments will be processed through the OHIP claims payment system and deposited in the bank account associated with your OHIP solo billing number and will appear in the "Accounting Adjustments" section of your OHIP Remittance Advice. It is your responsibility to ensure your banking information is correct. To update your banking information, contact the Claims Services Branch, Provider Registry Unit either by telephone at 1-800-262-6524 or by completing the following form [Application for OHIP Direct Bank Payment for Health Care Professionals](http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca/mbs/ssb/forms/ssbforms.nsf/FormDetail?openform&ENV=WWE&NO=014-7698-84) <http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca/mbs/ssb/forms/ssbforms.nsf/FormDetail?openform&ENV=WWE&NO=014-7698-84>.

### Deadline for submitting your application

The deadline for submitting your application for the Northern Physician Retention Initiative is **March 31, 2021**. Applications received or postdated after March 31, 2021 will not be processed.

# Temporary suspension of mailed and couriered applications

In March 2020, the ministry released the following [INFOBulletin 11233](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/ohip/bulletins/11000/bul11233.aspx) [<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/ohip/bulletins/11000/bul11233.aspx>](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/ohip/bulletins/11000/bul11233.aspx) advising you of changes being made to support COVID-19 containment efforts by temporarily suspending mailed/couriered applications for identified programs. Only applications that are sent by [email <mailto:NPRI@ontario.ca>](mailto:NPRI@ontario.ca) or by fax to: (705) 564-7493 will be accepted. Applications that include electronic signatures (example: scanned original, electronic device applications, or digital) will be accepted in lieu of original, signed documents.

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