# Positive trends

under the longitudinal family medicine model

Since the **longitudinal family medicine (LFM) payment model** was implemented in October 2023,

was implemented in October 2023, family physicians have settled into the model and the majority are thriving.

# LFM by the numbers

as of October 2024

**462** family physicians are currently under the LFM, and another 118 family physicians are transitioning to the new payment model (extended to March 31, 2025)

# **74**% of the province's 784 attaching family physicians are now on LFM

**100%** of new physicians have chosen LFM



### More patients are attached

**4.4% increase in average physician panel size** on the LFM as of Sept. 1, 2024



#### **Better access for patients 50% increase in evening and weekend services** between October 2022 and August 2024



#### Service encounter average surpassed Physicians on the LFM are averaging about 3.89 service encounters per hour, above the required 2.8 per hour



#### More in-person care 75% of care is provided in person, the average virtual care percentage is 24.21%



Average earnings are up 23% increase in family physicians' average earnings under the LFM

#### **11.53** average years in practice under LFM (vs. 22.58 years in practice under fee-for-service)



## Need help?

Whether you're considering adopting the LFM payment model, in the process of converting or already using the LFM but in need of support, we're here for you. Call or email the advisor in your zone any time.

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