

**2022 CNPS Fees for RN members of the
Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association**

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Dear beneficiary:

Each year, the CNPS assesses the current landscape to determine the appropriate fees for the coming registration year, and this past year has been unlike any other. We appreciate your leadership and perseverance, as you provide and guide client care, tackling head on new and unanticipated challenges faced by our health care system.

The impact of COVID-19, as well as the related changes to nursing practice, also needed to be considered in our fee assessment for the 2022 registration year.

The role of the CNPS is to work with you to limit your involvement in legal proceedings, to the extent possible, and we will continue to do so. Nonetheless, any circumstance where there has been an unanticipated illness or loss of life can lead to a legal review, whether this takes the form of claims for financial compensation, public inquiries, or other legal proceedings. As your professional liability protection provider, we must anticipate that certain COVID-19 outbreaks and instances of COVID-19 management will therefore be the subject of legal review.

In order to provide adequate support for the resulting demand in services and expected legal proceedings, the **2022 fee requirement for an RN will be \$68.00 + GST annually for the 2022 licensure year**, which represents an additional \$20.00 over the 2021 fee requirement.

Since you will continue to pay the 2022 CNPS fee at the same time as you pay the 2022 Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association (SRNA) licence fee, you will see a \$20 + GST increase in the overall CNPS fee paid to SRNA, which they collect on our behalf.

The majority of this additional fee will be invested to generate the funding necessary to cover the cost of claims and legal services related to COVID-19. Our goal remains to keep costs and fees as low as reasonably possible and the need for this additional fee will be reviewed as circumstances unfold to ensure that it is both adequate and necessary.

What can you do to reduce the risk of your involvement in a legal proceeding arising from COVID-19?

- Contact the CNPS for early advice or assistance if you have any questions regarding your legal obligations or potential risk management strategies in specific circumstances.
- Follow public health directives and guidelines.
- If you are contemplating signing a contract to provide nursing services in connection with COVID-19, please contact us to review your contract in advance of signing it. If you are working in an unfamiliar setting or circumstances, notify your manager or employer of the extent of your relevant experience.

CNPS Services: More than liability protection

As a member of the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association, you are eligible to seek assistance from the CNPS for the following services, in respect of matters arising from nursing practice:

- Up to \$10 million in professional liability protection
- Up to \$1 million in legal assistance for the defence of criminal prosecutions and investigations
- Up to \$1 million in legal assistance for the defence of an alleged statutory breach, such as child protection, human rights, motor vehicle or privacy legislation
- Legal assistance for other matters related to nursing practice such as representation at a Coroner's inquest or public inquiry
- Other proceedings in which you may be called as a witness
- Unlimited access to professional legal or risk management advice, including pre-contractual review of agreements for the provision of nursing services and participation in medical assistance in dying
- Risk management services, individually or as a group, including educational material on a wide range of subjects and risk management presentations and webinars

This list is not exhaustive. The CNPS aims to provide early advice or assistance, as appropriate, to prevent formal claims or investigations, whenever possible. If you wish to receive legal support or understand your legal obligations in specific circumstances, please contact the CNPS at 1-800-267-3390.

Questions about CNPS fees

Should you have any additional questions regarding CNPS fees or have any legal questions related to your nursing practice, please visit our [Question-and-Answers page](#) or contact CNPS directly at 1-800-267-3390 or info@cnps.ca.

Sincerely,

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