



Dear CRNPEI member,

Every year, the CNPS reviews its fee requirement for the upcoming membership year, taking into account the needs of our beneficiaries, changes in the legal environment, and the demand for our professional liability protection and legal assistance.

The CNPS Board of Directors has determined that the individual fee requirement for 2020 will be as follows:

- **Registered Nurses:** The **fee requirement for an RN remains at \$48.00**. There will be no change from the 2019 fee requirement.
- **Nurse Practitioners:** The **fee requirement for an NP will be \$159.50 annually**, which incorporates an increase of \$37.00 over the 2019 fee requirement. This is the second increment of a two-part incremental increase initiated in 2019.

As mentioned last year, the NP fee adjustment is the result of a more exhaustive review of NP liability risks and needs for legal services in light of their expanding scope of practice and changes in their practice environment, including primary care. The CNPS opted to implement the results of this review using an incremental approach, starting in 2019 and ending in 2020. A small part of the fee will be used to provide legal services over the course of the year. Most of the fee increase will be invested to ensure that sufficient funds are available to pay for legal representations and compensation in the event of a claim. By way of reference, the cost of *one hour* of legal services can often exceed \$300.

As a member of CRNPEI, you are generally eligible for the following services from the CNPS, 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.

You can also visit our website at www.cnps.ca/services to learn more about the CNPS and the services we provide.

Sincerely,

Chantal Léonard
Chief Executive Officer