

# FACT SHEET

DISABILITY ALLIANCE BC



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## Fees to Complete the PWD Application

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Physicians, Nurse Practitioners and other professionals are paid through MSP or the Ministry of Health to complete Sections 2 and 3 of the Persons with Disabilities Designation Application.

You do not have to pay to have your medical professional (ie: doctor, nurse practitioner or assessor) fill out Section 2 or Section 3 of the PWD application.

Fees for *medical practitioners* completing the PWD Medical Report and the PWD Assessor Reports are paid through the Medical Services Plan (MSP).

Prescribed professionals (*not including doctors and nurse practitioners*) complete the Assessor's Invoice included on the last page of the Designation Application. The invoice is removed from the booklet and mailed to the Ministry of Health for each section they complete upon submission of an invoice as follows:

- Section 2: \$130.00
- Completion of Assessors Report Section 3: \$75.00
- Completion of both Sections 2 and 3: \$205.00

Instructions on how to bill these fees for physicians and Nurse Practitioners completing Section 2 and Section 3 are located on the cover pages of each section. Medical practitioners or nurse practitioners and other prescribed professionals may call the Health Assistance Branch at 1-888-221-7711 (the number included in the Designation Application and Review forms) with any questions regarding completion of the forms and payment of fees.

**The medical practitioner should not charge the patient any extra fees for completing the PWD application.** If a medical practitioner tries to charge you a fee, remind the practitioner that they are already being paid by the Ministry of Health for this service.

**Contact DABC and the Ministry to let us both know if your medical practitioner is attempting to collect fees for the service of completing Section 2.** If your medical practitioner attempts to charge you, please contact DABC so that we may discuss the next steps. It may require a conversation with your medical practitioner to educate them.

If they still insist on charging a fee, DABC and/or the patient may contact the Billing Integrity Program to register a complaint.

The Billing Integrity Program investigates billing practices of medical and health care practitioners to detect and deter inappropriate and incorrect billing of MSP claims.

See link: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/msp/billing-integrity-program>.

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