

PGME Subsidy for Learners who have been Financially Affected by COVID-19

PGME has allocated a limited budget to subsidize Learners who incur expenses related to COVID-19. We have identified eligible groups of Learners, created guidelines, developed a submission process and form to assist with the ease of submission and potential reimbursement. Please review details below.

Learners who may be considered for PGME subsidy:

1. Learners who have been Redeployed to ICU or GIM for redeployment purposes as a result of COVID-19.
2. Learners in High Risk Rotations. A high risk may be considered a rotation in the Emergency Department, ICU, COVID+ wards, performing operations on COVID + patients, etc..

List of Acceptable Expenses (Post March 15, 2020)

- Housing expenses - We recognize that some Learners live with vulnerable family members and may wish to arrange alternate accommodations during their redeployment or a high-risk rotation.
- Childcare expenses

Criteria

- A Learner must have been redeployed and fulfilled/completed part/all of a redeployment rotation.
- A Learner incurred housing or childcare expenses as of March 15, 2020 due to rotating in a high-risk rotation (noted above).

Guidelines

- PGME will pay 50% of an alternate housing invoice (hotel stay, etc.), childcare invoice, up to a maximum of \$500 per Learner (i.e. if a receipt is submitted for \$700, PGME will reimburse the Learner for \$350).
- Applicable expenses incurred as of March 15, 2020 will be considered.
- An official receipt must detail the incurred expense.
- Please note: A one time submission of all expenses per Learner is preferred (to a per Learner maximum of \$500).

Process

Fill out, attach receipts and submit the expense request via [PGME Subsidy Form \(COVID-19\)](#).

- We guarantee equitable access to the subsidy for redeployed Learners and Learners considered to be in a high-risk rotation.
- Requests must be submitted via the online form prior to June 30, 2020.

- List of Acceptable expenses may extend to include additional expenses as the situation evolves.
- A one-time maximum amount of \$500 will be allocated for each Learner.
- Learners can expect a refund in approximately two weeks of submission.

If PGME McMaster receives additional funding to support this initiative – we will reconsider the \$500 limit identified in the Guidelines noted above.

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