

## Priority Areas: Improve Access to Primary Health Care

Priority	Status
Enhance and/or establish 21 collaborative family practice teams	<p>Primary Health Care is currently working to enhance and/or establish collaborative family practice teams across NS by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addressing urgent access priorities in 9 communities (9/9 in progress)</li> <li>• Strengthen existing family practice teams in 7 communities (7/7 in progress)</li> <li>• Work with groups of family physicians and others to build new teams in communities (7/7 in progress)</li> <li>• Target has been exceeded: 23 enhanced/newly established collaborative family practice team locations in progress during fiscal year 2017–18.</li> </ul>
Recruit 50 new family physicians targeted to areas in need	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical Affairs is actively recruiting for family physicians regionally, nationally and internationally.</li> <li>• As of March 31, 2018, 38 new family practitioners have established practices in Nova Scotia, with another 17 accepted offers to begin in the 2018/2019 fiscal year.</li> <li>• Medical Affairs completed work with NATIONAL Public Relations firm. An updated recruitment marketing/branding campaign entitled “More than Medicine” has been developed and rolled out nationally and internationally.</li> <li>• Medical Affairs worked with the Department of Health and Wellness, Dalhousie Department of Family Medicine, and the College of Physicians and Surgeons to establish a “practice-ready assessment” program for international medical graduates for family medicine in Nova Scotia. The final recommendation to government was submitted at the end of January.</li> </ul>
Design and implement a provincial process (i.e., Need a Family Practice registry) to help patients find family practices that are accepting new patients and to identify the numbers of individuals who are seeking a primary care provider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of the Need a Family Practice (NFP) registry is on track.</li> <li>• Sustainable resources (e.g., dedicated staffing and operations) to support the ongoing operations of the NFP registry is required and recruitment is in progress.</li> </ul>

## Indicator Results

Indicator	Target	YTD Q1 17-18	YTD Q2 17-18	YTD Q3 17-18	YTD Q4 17-18
Number of enhanced or new collaborative practice teams established	21 new and/or enhanced teams	0 in progress*	14 in progress*	20 in progress*	23 in progress*
Number of new family physicians recruited	50 family physicians	NA	23 Starts 5 Accepted	35 Starts 16 Accepted	38 Starts 17 Accepted
Status on development of the provincial Need a Family Practice registry	Implementation on Track	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

\*In progress means that work has begun with a new or existing group through the initiation of the hiring process to add additional team members to the practice; contract development and negotiation to establish a Memorandum of Agreement and other actions needed to establish/support a team (e.g. space).

	Favorable Performance – Target Achieved
	Monitor Performance
	Unfavorable – Area requires additional focus