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The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recognizes that rural and remote practice settings present unique challenges for the delivery of high-quality health care. These settings often have a higher patient-to-physician ratio, limited access to specialists, and may lack the infrastructure for comprehensive care.

Objective: The objective of this policy is to provide guidance on the development and implementation of strategies to support the recruitment and retention of physicians in rural and remote practice settings.

Recommendations:

1. The CMA supports the development of initiatives to enhance the support and amenities available to rural and remote practitioners, including the provision of housing and relocation assistance.
2. The CMA encourages the creation of collaborative models of care, such as telemedicine, to improve access to specialty services.
3. The CMA advocates for the provision of enhanced compensation packages to attract and retain physicians in rural and remote areas.
4. The CMA supports the development of educational programs that focus on training physicians for rural and remote practice environments.

Implementation:

The CMA recommends that provinces and territories provide funding for initiatives that support the implementation of the recommendations outlined above. The CMA also encourages its members to work collaboratively with local health authorities and communities to develop and implement strategies that address the unique challenges of rural and remote practice settings.

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