

Backgrounder – May 8, 2013 Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative 2013-14 Funding

The Government of Saskatchewan is investing \$70.5 million in the Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative in 2013-14, to support the health system in improving surgical access, quality and safety. By April 2014, the goal is to offer all patients surgery within three months.

In 2013-14 the total target surgical volume is just over 89,000 surgeries. This is an increase of more than 7,000 surgeries compared to the 2012-13 forecast volume. **Increased number of surgeries:**

- Regina Qu'Appelle: 3,200
- Prairie North: 1,300
- Prince Albert Parkland: 900
- Saskatoon: 740
- Other health regions combined: 900

The Surgical Initiative budget provides funding to support post-operative home care and therapies, as well as quality, safety and training. The 2013-14 budget includes \$4 million for quality initiatives including work on pooled referrals, variation and appropriateness, and continued engagement of healthcare providers.

Funding Allocation	(millions)
Hospital Costs Salaries, supplies, support services	\$58.92
Other Hospital Costs	\$0.97
Physician Services Payments to surgeons/anesthesiologists	\$2.0
Improved Assessment of Surgical Patients	\$1.65
Home Care Programs Services delivered by nurses and home care aides, equipment	\$3.7
Post Operative Rehabilitation Services Physical and occupational therapy, supplies, equipment	\$4.06
Staff Training Operating room nurses, etc.	\$0.33
Quality Improvement, Safety & Engagement	\$4.0
Offset: Health regions that received funding in 2012-13 for surgeries not performed must apply that funding toward 2013-14 surgeries	-\$5.12
TOTAL	\$70.5

More information: www.health.gov.sk.ca/surgical-initiative

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Health Region	Surgical Initiative Funding
Cypress Health Region ¹	\$1,198,351
Five Hills Health Region ²	\$929,309
Heartland Health Region ¹	\$342,876
Kelsey Trail Health Region	\$634,260
Prairie North Health Region	\$2,767,521
Prince Albert Parkland Health Region	\$4,854,092
Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region	\$32,697,775
Saskatoon Health Region	\$18,906,982
Sun Country Health Region	\$542,090
Sunrise Health Region	\$503,198
Athabasca Health Authority ³	\$54,540
Keewatin Yatthé Health Region ³	\$83,381
Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region ³	\$132,500
Ministry of Health	\$11,976,625
Less: 2012-13 funding for unrealized surgery volumes	-\$5,123,500
TOTAL	\$70.5M

Surgical Initiative funding is in addition to funding for surgical services that is provided to health regions in their base budgets. It will be used to support increased surgical volumes, cover hospital costs (salaries and supplies), purchase necessary equipment, and support program enhancements.

Funding amounts are based on factors including actual and projected surgical volumes, equipment needs and other program costs.

1 Includes funding transferred to region's base operating funding in 2012-13.

2 Five Hills Health Region received funding in 2012-13 to support additional targeted surgical cases to be performed in 2013-14

3 Keewatin Yatthé, Mamawetan Churchill River and Athabasca health facilities do not provide surgeries. Funding will be used to enhance home care and post-operative rehabilitation services for patients who receive surgery in other health regions.