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# Preface

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The *Medical Services Plan (MSP) Information Resource Manual 2022/2023* is produced by the Health Sector Information, Analysis and Reporting Division. It provides a reference for some of the most frequently asked questions about MSP data including practitioner, patient and registrant fee-for-service statistics.

Related publications on MSP data are the *MSP Fee-For-Service Payment Analysis 2018/2019 - 2022/2023* and the *MSP Physician Resource Report 2013/2014 - 2022/2023*.

All three reports can be found online at this address under *Fee-for-Service Payment Statistics*:  
<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/msp/publications>.

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# Introduction

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Under the authority of the *Medicare Protection Act*, the Medical Services Commission administers MSP. MSP insures registrants for medically required services provided by general practitioners, specialists and other health practitioners. MSP pays practitioners on a fee-for-service and on an alternative payment basis.

The Information Resource Manual contains statistics based on fee-for-service payments made to British Columbia practitioners by MSP for services provided to MSP registrants.

The manual is arranged in four major sections:

- A. **British Columbia Geographic Health Groupings:** contains maps and a listing of health authorities, health service delivery areas (HSDA), and local health areas (LHA); the relationship between health authority, HSDA and LHA is demonstrated in this section.
- B. **Practitioner Data:** presents data on expenditure and paid services by specialty, service code and geographic area.
- C. **Registrant & Patient Data:** presents data on expenditure and services provided with breakdowns by patient gender/age and geographical area.
- D. **Family Practice Services Committee Initiatives & Specialist Services Committee Initiatives:** presents data on expenditure and services for practitioner initiatives by specialty.

The Methodology section that precedes sections A to D outlines general data inclusions and exclusions that apply throughout the manual. Additional methodology details are provided at the beginning of sections A, B, C and D.

A glossary has been provided at the end of the manual to explain terms used in the publication. Readers are encouraged to refer to the glossary to ensure accurate interpretation of the statistics presented.

This publication is prepared using specific criteria and therefore may not reconcile with other Ministry of Health documents such as the Medical Services Commission Financial Statements.

To maintain confidentiality, the information given does not disclose personally identifiable data.



# Methodology

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The data used to generate statistics in this manual include MSP fee-for-service payments made to general practitioners, specialists and other health practitioners for insured services provided to MSP registrants. Only services performed in a given fiscal year (April 1st to March 31st) and paid on or before September 30th of the following fiscal year are included.

The general data inclusions and exclusions applied throughout the manual are listed below. Additional methodology details are provided at the beginning of sections A, B, C and D.

## General Data Inclusions

- Expenditures paid for by MSP, including the adjudicated fee schedule amount, retroactive payments, rural retention program payments, business cost premium amount and tray fees
- Expenditures paid to physicians for services referred by registered midwives or nurse practitioners
- Expenditures for Family Practice Services Committee initiatives and Specialist Services Committee initiatives

## General Data Exclusions

- Interest on late payment of claims
- Services associated with the following service codes as these are charges in addition to the principal fee:
  - 09 - Visit Premiums\*
  - 19 - No Charge Referral
  - 49 - Procedural Premiums\*
  - 71 - Tray Fees\*
- Alternative payments made for contract, salaried, session and other services
- Payments for services performed out of province

\* Billings are included in the Total Expenditure statistic but are not counted as services to avoid double counting of services.

# A. British Columbia Health Boundaries

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British Columbia (B.C.) is divided into five regional health authorities that are responsible for planning and delivering health care services within their geographic areas:

1. Interior Health Authority
2. Fraser Health Authority
3. Vancouver Coastal Health Authority
4. Vancouver Island Health Authority
5. Northern Health Authority

Each health authority consists of three or four Health Service Delivery Areas (HSDAs). There are 16 HSDAs in total. The HSDAs are further divided into 89 Local Health Areas (LHAs).

B.C. has two other health authorities that are not defined by geographic boundaries.

The Provincial Health Services Authority is responsible for governing and administering provincial programs and highly specialized services, such as those delivered by the Children's and Women's Health Centre, the B.C. Cancer Agency and the B.C. Transplant Society.

The First Nations Health Authority is responsible for the programs and services formerly managed by Health Canada's First Nations Inuit Health Branch – Pacific Region.

Only data for the five regional health authorities are reported in this manual. Health authority, HSDA and LHA maps can be found on the following pages.

More information on B.C.'s health authorities can be found here:

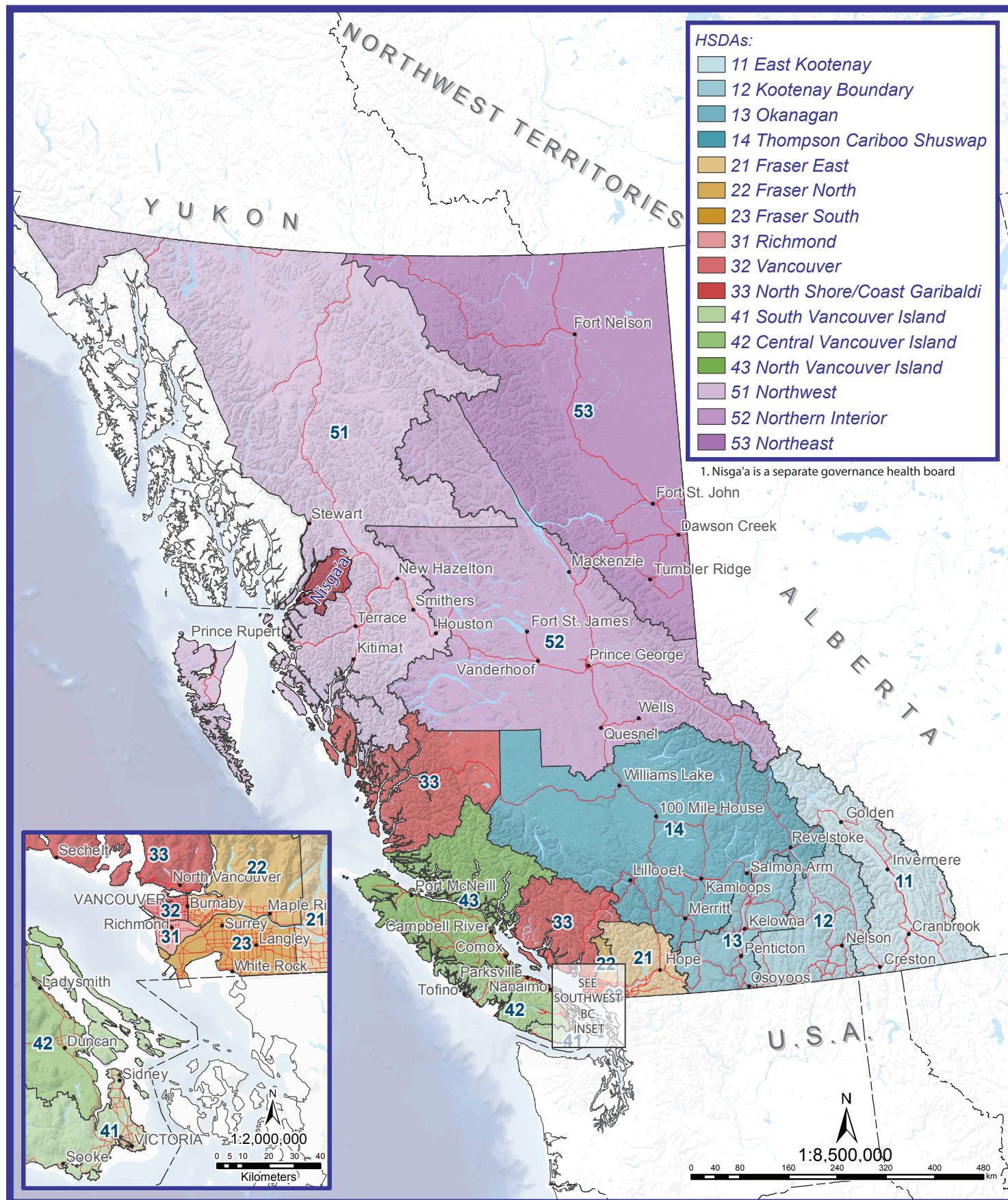
<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/partners/health-authorities>.

# British Columbia Health Authorities



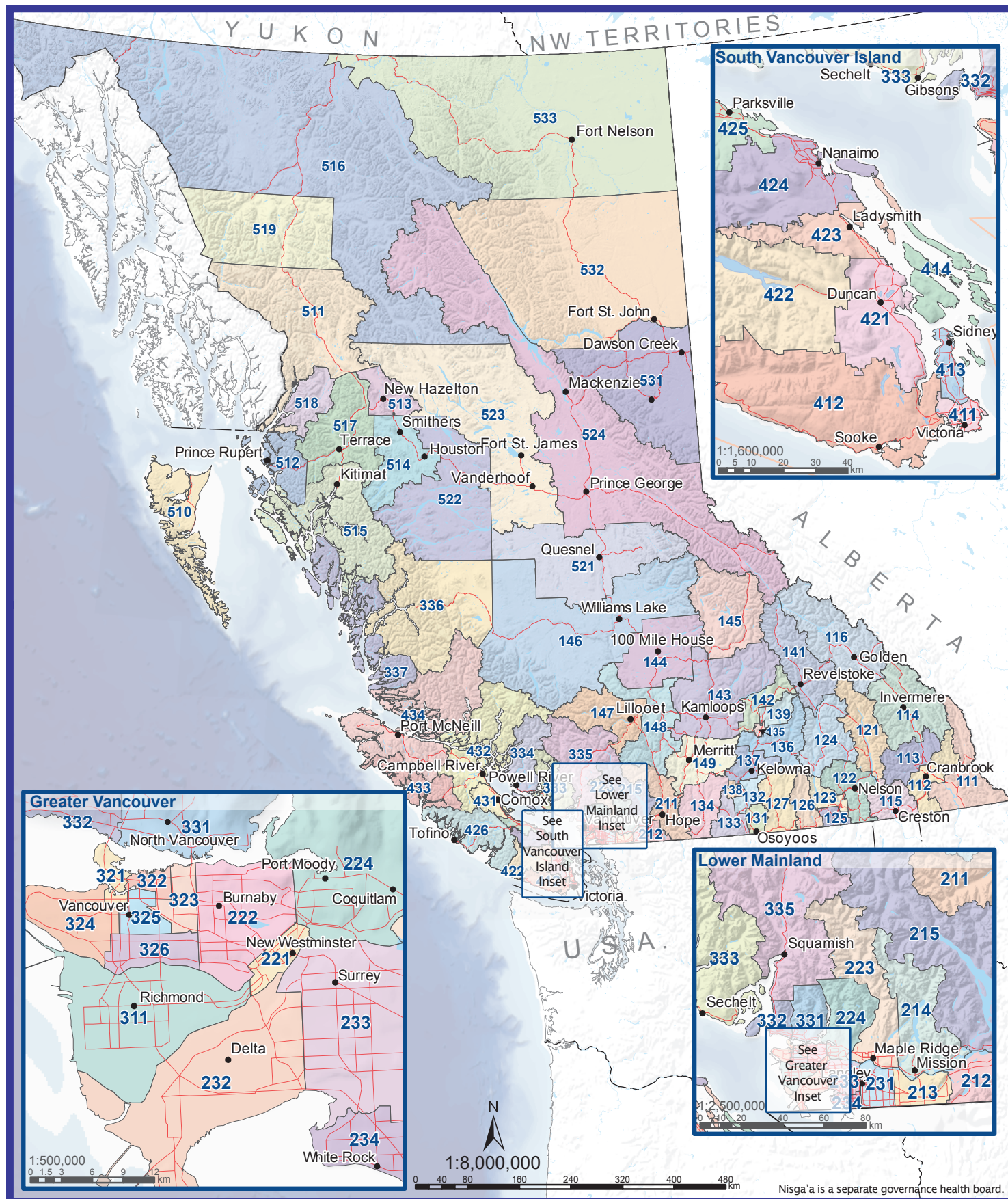


# British Columbia Health Service Delivery Areas





# British Columbia Local Health Areas



# British Columbia Local Health Areas

## 1 Interior

### 11 East Kootenay

- 111 Fernie
- 112 Cranbrook
- 113 Kimberley
- 114 Windermere
- 115 Creston
- 116 Golden

### 12 Kootenay Boundary

- 121 Kootenay Lake
- 122 Nelson
- 123 Castlegar
- 124 Arrow Lakes
- 125 Trail
- 126 Grand Forks
- 127 Kettle Valley

### 13 Okanagan

- 131 Southern Okanagan
- 132 Penticton
- 133 Keremeos
- 134 Princeton
- 135 Armstrong/Spallumcheen
- 136 Vernon
- 137 Central Okanagan
- 138 Summerland
- 139 Enderby

### 14 Thompson Cariboo Shuswap

- 141 Revelstoke
- 142 Salmon Arm
- 143 Kamloops
- 144 100 Mile House
- 145 North Thompson
- 146 Cariboo/Chilcotin
- 147 Lillooet
- 148 South Cariboo
- 149 Merritt

## 2 Fraser

### 21 Fraser East

- 211 Hope
- 212 Chilliwack
- 213 Abbotsford
- 214 Mission
- 215 Agassiz/Harrison

### 22 Fraser North

- 221 New Westminster
- 222 Burnaby
- 223 Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows
- 224 Tri-Cities

### 23 Fraser South

- 231 Langley
- 232 Delta
- 233 Surrey
- 234 South Surrey/White Rock

## 3 Vancouver Coastal

### 31 Richmond

- 311 Richmond

### 32 Vancouver

- 321 Vancouver – City Centre
- 322 Vancouver – Centre North
- 323 Vancouver – Northeast
- 324 Vancouver – Westside
- 325 Vancouver – Midtown
- 326 Vancouver – South

### 33 North Shore/Coast Garibaldi

- 331 North Vancouver
- 332 West Vancouver/Bowen Island
- 333 Sunshine Coast
- 334 Powell River
- 335 Howe Sound
- 336 Bella Coola Valley
- 337 Central Coast

## 4 Vancouver Island

### 41 South Vancouver Island

- 411 Greater Victoria
- 412 Western Communities
- 413 Saanich Peninsula
- 414 Southern Gulf Islands

### 42 Central Vancouver Island

- 421 Cowichan Valley South
- 422 Cowichan Valley West
- 423 Cowichan Valley North
- 424 Greater Nanaimo
- 425 Oceanside
- 426 Alberni/Clayoquot

### 43 North Vancouver Island

- 431 Comox Valley
- 432 Greater Campbell River
- 433 Vancouver Island West
- 434 Vancouver Island North

## 5 Northern

### 51 Northwest

- 510 Haida Gwaii
- 511 Snow Country
- 512 Prince Rupert
- 513 Upper Skeena
- 514 Smithers
- 515 Kitimat
- 516 Stikine
- 517 Terrace
- 518 Nisga'a\*
- 519 Telegraph Creek

### 52 Northern Interior

- 521 Quesnel
- 522 Burns Lake
- 523 Nechako
- 524 Prince George

### 53 Northeast

- 531 Peace River South
- 532 Peace River North
- 533 Fort Nelson

\* Nisga'a is a separate governance health board.