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IMPORTANT HEALTH WEBSITE INFORMATION

All Medical Services Branch Payment Schedules, Newsletters, Operations Bulletins, Billing Bulletins, billing information sheets and forms are available at:

<https://www.ehealthsask.ca/services/resources/establish-operate-practice/Pages/Physicians.aspx>

PAPER COPIES OF THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE, BILLING BULLETIN AND OPERATIONS BULLETIN

Medical Services Branch does not provide paper copies of the Physician Payment Schedule, the Billing Bulletin or the Operations Bulletin. The Physicians' Newsletter continues to be mailed out. These documents can be found at the above link.

ACTION REQUIRED – BILLING SOFTWARE & PAYMENT SCHEDULE CHANGES

The Physician Payment Schedule revisions outlined in this letter are **effective October 1, 2021**.

As outlined in the physicians' Direct Payment Agreement, payment for services submitted to Medical Services Branch is made in accordance with the applicable Physician Payment Schedule in effect on the date the service is provided. It is imperative that your billing software is utilizing the most up-to-date rate file. The new October 1, 2021, rate file has been provided to all software vendors and is posted on the Internet Claims Submission (ICS) website for download. If necessary, please contact your software vendor, to apply the update to your application and ensure your claims are being paid appropriately and/or at the new rate.

BILLING RESOURCES

There are billing resources, such as billing information sheets, available on the website. These documents are provided to all new physicians upon registering with Medical Services Branch. They are also available for download or viewing at the above link.

GENDER NEUTRALITY

As part of Payment Schedule Modernization, changes have been made throughout the Physician Payment Schedule to incorporate gender-neutral language. These changes replace gender-specific pronouns with those that are not gender-specific (i.e. they/them).

CHANGES TO THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021**GENERAL**

Revision	Page 10	Item c)	Contact phone number added
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EXPLANATORY CODES

Revision	Page 42	AM	Gender neutral pronoun added
Revision	Page 42	AR	Gender neutral pronoun added
Revision	Page 46	CG	Services billed on family members
Revision	Page 54	JG	Gender neutral pronouns added
Revision	Page 57	PC	Administering pharmaceutical abortion agents
Revision	Page 59	RA	Refer to "Routine Audit and Recovery" preamble added
Revision	Page 59	RB	Adjustment for repayment or recovery
Revision	Page 59	RD	Gender neutral pronoun added
Revision	Page 59	RF	Gender neutral pronoun added
New	Page 61	RO	Non-insured cosmetic services
New	Page 62	RS	Service provided in conjunction with non-insured services
Revision	Page 65	YS	Gender neutral pronouns added

SECTION A – General Services

Revision	Page 91	B. 2.	Changed from RHA to SHA
Revision	Page 92	C. 1. & 2.	Changed from RHA to SHA Removed 6 sites from the Designated Category 'B' Facilities
Revision	Page 93	D. 1.	Changed from RHA to SHA

SECTION B – General Practice

New	Page 109	150B	Medical Management of Termination of Early Pregnancy
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SECTION E – Psychiatry

Revision	Page 131	5E	Rate change only
Revision	Page 131	7E	Rate change only
New	Page 131	12E	Extended adult consultation

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New	Page 131	13E	Extended child consultation
Revision	Page 132	31E	Rate change only
Revision	Page 133	63E	Rate change only
Revision	Page 134	35E	Rate change only
Revision	Page 134	37E	Rate change only
Revision	Page 134	38E	Rate change only
Revision	Page 134	39E	Rate change only
Revision	Page 135	50E	Rate change only
Revision	Page 137	110E	Rate change only
Revision	Page 137	111E	Rate change only

SECTION H – Anesthesia

New	Page 156	680H	Rhizotomy – sacroiliac (SI) joint
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SECTION P – Obstetrics & Gynecology

Revision	Page 249	50P/250P	Refer to service code 150B for administration of pharmaceutical abortion agents
Revision	Page 249	350P	Refer to service code 150B for administration of pharmaceutical abortion agents
Revision	Page 250	35P	Descriptor change
Revision	Page 252	130P	Descriptor change
Revision	Page 252	131P	Descriptor change
Revision	Page 314	680X	Note added for Specialists in Anesthesia to bill 680H