

## Billing Information Sheet – SURCHARGES (815A – 839A)

Insured Services, Medical Services Branch - 2013

Surcharges / Special Call-Outs – see payment schedule for full descriptor	
a)	<p>Special call services are categorized by <u>time of day</u> and <u>day of the week</u>.</p> <p><u>Weekend:</u>            "Weekend" refers to the period from 5:00 p.m. on Friday to midnight on Sunday.            "Statutory Holiday" refers to the entire 24 hour period of the specific day.</p> <p><u>Statutory Holidays:</u>            The statutory holidays in each year are: New Year's Day, Good Friday, Family Day, Victoria Day, Canada Day, Saskatchewan Day, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day, Remembrance Day, Christmas Day and Boxing Day. If any of these days fall on Saturday or Sunday, they will be observed as stated in the Physicians' Newsletter.</p>
b)	<p>In order for a surcharge to be billed, <b><u>all of the following criteria must be met:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The request must be initiated by the patient, or someone other than the physician, on the patient's behalf.</li> <li>• The physician must attend the patient on priority visit and it must cause a degree of disruption of work or out-of-hours activity.</li> <li>• <b>There must be travel involved.</b></li> </ul> <p><b><u>NOTE:</u></b> A surcharge is not payable if the physician is called to another location in the hospital or health centre when he is already in the building.</p>
c)	<p>Surcharges may apply to a service at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the patient's home;</li> <li>• hospital out-patient or emergency department;</li> <li>• Special Care Home;</li> <li>• physician's office when the physician is called back from some other place;</li> <li>• other locations.</li> </ul>
c)	<p>Payment will be made for the examination and/or procedure provided plus the appropriate surcharge. Surcharges are not payable for any pre-arranged services.</p>
d)	<p>There are a number of services that are not eligible to be billed with surcharges; please see the Payment Schedule descriptor for a list of these services.</p>