

# Physicians' Newsletter

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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 newsletter are **effective October 1, 2023.**

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, 2023, 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 at the correct 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.

## CHANGES TO THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

### GENERAL

<b>Revision</b>	Page 30		Services Not Insured by the Ministry of Health (Meet and Greet)
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### EXPLANATORY CODES

<b>Revision</b>	Page 44	BR	Please see Physician Payment Schedule for more information
<b>Revision</b>	Page 45	BV	Please see Physician Payment Schedule for more information
<b>Revision</b>	Page 45	BX	Please see Physician Payment Schedule for more information
<b>Revision</b>	Page 49	DM	Replaces explanatory code "DR"
<b>Deletion</b>	Page 49	DR	Explanatory code has been deleted; replaced with "DM"
<b>Revision</b>	Page 54	JF	Please see Physician Payment Schedule for more information

### SECTION A – General Services

<b>Revision</b>	Page 92	#4 (f) & (h)	After hours clinic premium for General Practitioners - List of services always done in the hospital and other services updated
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### SECTION C – Pediatrics

<b>Revision</b>	Page 120	13C	Maximum number of billable units increased to 9
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### SECTION D – Internal Medicine

<b>New</b>	Page 126 & 127	12D	Comprehensive geriatric consultation
<b>New</b>	Page 126 & 127	13D	Extended comprehensive geriatric consultation

### SECTION L – General Surgery

<b>Revision</b>	Page 205	877L-879L	Descriptor and rate updated
<b>Revision</b>	Page 205	883L	Descriptor updated
<b>Revision</b>	Page 206	897L & 899L	Descriptor updated
<b>Revision</b>	Page 208	580L	Descriptor updated

**SECTION M – Orthopedic Surgery**

**Correction**    Page 226        456M        Typo corrected

**Correction**    Page 226        458M        Typo corrected

**SECTION P – Obstetrics & Gynecology**

**Correction**        Page 256        351P        Missing service code

**SECTION X – Diagnostic Radiology**

**Correction**        Page 312        154X        Rates corrected

**Correction**        Page 312        166X        Rates corrected