

Billing Information Sheet

Requesting Changes to the Payment Schedule

Overview:

The Saskatchewan Physician Payment Schedule lists service codes that physicians use to bill Medical Services Branch (MSB) for the provision of insured medical services in Saskatchewan.

The Payment Schedule is updated every 6 months (April and October) with new service codes and/or any revisions/deletions to existing codes. As required by *The Saskatchewan Medical Care Insurance Act*, MSB consults the Saskatchewan Medical Association (SMA) prior to making a decision to proceed with the updates.

The Ministry of Health and the Saskatchewan Medical Association (SMA) consider implementation of new service codes, deletions or revisions to the Physician Payment Schedule upon approval by the Payment Schedule Review Committee (PSRC) comprised of both Ministry and SMA representatives.

Principles:

It is essential that there is a fair and effective process in place to ensure accountability in the expenditure of public funds. This aligns with the government's mandate to continue to implement patient first approaches in the provision of health coverage while balancing our commitment and accountability to a **publicly funded** and **administered healthcare system**.

To ensure the best possible distribution of public resources, a detailed methodical process that is based on fundamental principles of **accountability, appropriateness, fairness, patient-centered care and transparency** must be undertaken.

How to initiate a request:

The Ministry of Health and the SMA take a collaborative approach when considering any changes to the Payment Schedule; however, the initiation of any requests starts with an application to the **SMA Tariff Committee**. To request/initiate a change, deletion or addition, please contact:

Saskatchewan Medical Association Tariff Committee
201 – 2174 Airport Drive
SASKATOON SK S7L 6M6
www.sma.sk.ca

The SMA has additional information about the process on their website at:
<http://www.sma.sk.ca/104/new-fee-items-tariffs.html>

MSB Inquiries:

- If you have questions about MSB's role in this process, please contact MSBPaymentsandAudit@health.gov.sk.ca