

Billing Information Sheet

Physician Remuneration for Pandemic Video Assessment

Effective March 18, 2020 – until further notice

515A Pandemic Video Assessment \$35.00

OVERVIEW:

The Saskatchewan Medical Care Insurance Act and The Saskatchewan Medical Care Insurance Beneficiary and Administration Regulations provide the legislative authority for public funding of physician services.

For the purposes of payment, this fee code is applicable to fee-for-service physicians only. Physicians who are compensated by an alternate payment plan (APP), or directly by the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) are permitted to “shadow bill” these services, but no payment will be eligible.

BILLING INSTRUCTIONS:

Physicians can be paid for medically required video assessments not restricted to diagnosis specific to COVID-19

Service must be for the provision of patient care by a physician via secure healthcare appropriate virtual visit technology (not FaceTime or WhatsApp)

Service is eligible by all physicians

Service can be initiated by physician or patient

Service is not restricted by location

Service is not eligible for any premiums or surcharges

A maximum of two video assessments per patient per day by any physician

Video assessment cannot be billed with any additional service codes

Services provided in person must be billed according to the Payment Schedule

Physicians are responsible to ensure appropriate documentation of the video assessment:

- Date and time of service
- Patient name
- Patient HSN
- Relevant clinical detail including symptoms, diagnosis, treatment and follow-up

All general billing inquiries can be directed to the Claims Analysis Unit at

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