Physicians' Newsletter

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 April 1, 2022.**

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 April 1, 2022, 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.

NAME AND EMAIL CHANGE FOR CASEWORK UNIT

Please be advised that the Casework Unit at Medical Services Branch has changed its name and email address to the following:

- Physician Registry and Support Services – prss@health.gov.sk.ca

Saskatchewan

UPDATES TO DESCRIPTORS

Please be advised that several updates have been made to individual service code descriptors to include the heading in the descriptor. This is to avoid inaccurate service codes being selected when using electronic billing software "drop down" menus. For example:

Current payment schedule reads:

Breast
80L – abscess, single or multilocular, general anesthetic
83L – excision of tumor or biopsy

New payment schedule reads:

Breast
80L – breast abscess, single or multilocular, general anesthetic
83L – breast excision of tumor or biopsy

CHANGES TO THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE April 1, 2022

GENERAL

Revision	Page 9		Services out-of-Canada – Limited Coverage
Update	Page 10, 35		Contact information and name change for the Casework Unit
New	Page 14	Definition	Major Portion/Part Thereof

EXPLANATORY CODES

Revision	Page 45	BX	Add reference to definition "Major Portion/Part Thereof"
Revision	Page 48	DF	Add code 206B
Revision	Page 51	ER	GP Hospitalist from an approved site added
New	Page 55	KJ	Service is not payable unless all required components of the code are fulfilled and documented
New	Page 56	KV	Service is not payable unless necessary criteria of the code is documented on the claim
Revision	Page 60	RI	Typo corrected
New	Page 62	RP	Service code inconsistent with condition described
New	Page 62	RR	Referred services

SECTION B – General Practice

Revision	Page 108	52B/53B	Descriptor Change – Supportive Care

SECTION D – Internal Medicine

Update	Page 129	122D	Heading removed
Update	Page 130	130D	Heading removed

SECTION E – Psychiatry

Revision	Page 133	5E-13E	Rate change
Revision	Page 134	25E-31E	Rate change
Revision	Page 135	142E-144E	Rate change
Revision	Page 135	62E-75E	Rate change
Revision	Page 136	Preamble	Psychotherapy Preamble change
Revision	Page 136	33E-34E	Rate change
Revision	Page 136	35E-37E	Preamble, Descriptor and Rate Changes
Revision	Page 136	38E-39E	Preamble and Rate Changes
Revision	Page 137	42E	Rate change
Delete	Page 137	45E-47E	Interview with Drugs
Delete	Page 137	50E	Psychological Testing -- simple
Revision	Page 137	51E	Rate change
Delete	Page 137	52E	OPTAX assessment for Attention Deficit Disorder
Revision	Page 138	100E-101E	Preamble and Rate Change
Revision	Page 139	110E-111E	Preamble and Rate Change

SECTION L – General Surgery

Update	Page 186	80L	Descriptor updated to include heading - breast abscess
Update	Page 186	83L	Descriptor updated to include heading - breast excision of tumor or biopsy
Update	Page 189	281L	Descriptor updated to include heading - digital vessel
Update	Page 189	282L	Descriptor updated to include heading - digital vessel
Update	Page 189	283L	Descriptor updated to include heading - digital vessel
Update	Page 189	284L	Descriptor updated to include heading - digital vessel
Update	Page 206	482L	Descriptor updated to include heading - polypectomy (any GI site), 1st polyp
Update	Page 206	483L	Descriptor updated to include heading - polypectomy (any GI site), 2nd to 5th polyp
Update	Page 205	495L	Descriptor updated to include heading - endoscopic fine needle aspiration biopsy
Update	Page 205	496L	Descriptor updated to include heading - endoscopic injection
Update	Page 205	497L	Descriptor updated to include heading - endoscopic drainage of pseudo cyst
Update	Page 199	849L	Descriptor updated to include heading - integumentary system – aspiration of hematoma or cyst
Update	Page 199	850L	Descriptor updated to include heading - integumentary system – incision and drainage of abscess
Update	Page 199	851L	Descriptor updated to include heading - integumentary system – abscess, multilocular

SECTION N – Plastic Surgery

Update	Page 236	120N	Descriptor updated to include heading – burns, surgical debridement and/or dressings and to list ICD diagnostic codes
Update	Page 236	123N	Descriptor updated to include heading – burns, surgical debridement and to list ICD diagnostic codes
Update	Page 236	125N	Descriptor updated to include heading – burns, surgical debridement and to list ICD diagnostic codes

SECTION P – Obstetrics & Gynecology

| Update | Page 249 | 42P | Descriptor change - Continuing care provided by the attending physician during the course of labour |

SECTION S – Ophthalmology

Update	Page 279	90S	Descriptor updated to include heading – conjunctiva, cornea, sclera – foreign body or bodies
Update	Page 279	91S	Descriptor updated to include heading – conjunctiva, cornea, sclera – foreign body or bodies
Update	Page 279	106S	Descriptor updated to include heading – conjunctiva, cornea, sclera – foreign body or bodies
Update	Page 281	109S	Descriptor updated to include heading – orbit exenteration
Update	Page 281	110S	Descriptor updated to include heading – orbit abscess
Update	Page 282	111S	Descriptor updated to include heading – orbit enucleation
Update	Page 282	112S	Descriptor updated to include heading – orbit enucleation
Update	Page 282	114S	Descriptor updated to include heading – orbit excise anterior tumor
Update	Page 282	489S	Descriptor updated to include heading – orbit excise posterior tumor
Update	Page 282	490S	Descriptor updated to include heading – orbit biopsy anterior tumor
Update	Page 282	491S	Descriptor updated to include heading – orbit biopsy anterior tumor

SECTION T – Otolaryngology

Update	Page 287	54T	Descriptor updated to include heading – ear foreign body
Update	Page 287	55T	Descriptor updated to include heading – ear foreign body
Update	Page 287	56T	Descriptor updated to include heading – ear foreign body
Update	Page 287	58T	Descriptor updated to include heading – ear polyp removal
Update	Page 287	59T	Descriptor updated to include heading – ear polyp removal
Update	Page 289	94T	Descriptor updated to include heading – nose foreign body
Update	Page 289	95T	Descriptor updated to include heading – nose foreign body
Update	Page 289	96T	Descriptor updated to include heading – nose polyp removal
Update	Page 289	97T	Descriptor updated to include heading – nose polyp removal
Update	Page 289	98T	Descriptor updated to include heading – nose polyp removal
Update	Page 289	99T	Descriptor updated to include heading – nose polyp removal
Update	Page 289	296T	Descriptor updated to include heading – nose polyp removal