

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 letter are **effective October 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 October 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.

ACTION REQUIRED - NOTICE TO VENDORS

Please be advised that service code 120N is payable at 100%. **EMR systems should be updated to reflect this.** 120N is not reduced to 75% per the multiple procedure rules – see Multiple Services – General Assessment Rules, item (2) – “procedures with possible unit values are paid at the listed fee”. Items 2 (a) and 2 (b) do not apply.

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, 2022**GENERAL**

Revision	Page 27		Location of service indicators: 8:00 am changed to 7:00 am
Revision	Page 36		Item F: Contact information changed to Physician Registry Support Services Unit
New	Page 38		Visual examples of Insured Health Services Plan Cards for Reciprocal Billing
Revision	Page 39		Item 10 – services requested by a third party; examples added

EXPLANATORY CODES

New	Page 62	RQ	Routine Audit and Recovery: Diagnostic Testing
New	Page 63	RW	Routine Audit and Recovery: House Call Surcharges (615A, 915A)
New	Page 63	RX	Routine Audit and Recovery: Services not performed by the physician personally

SECTION A – General Services

Revision	Page 87		Item 2 (d): “Nursing Home” has been changed to “Special Care Home”
Revision	Page 89		Item 4 (d): “Nursing Home” has been changed to “Special Care Home”
Revision	Page 98	790A-797A	“Nursing Home” has been changed to “Special Care Home”

SECTION B – General Practice

Revision	Page 110	52B/52B	Descriptor updated – Referring doctor field
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SECTION L – General Surgery

Revision	Page 204	899L	List of procedures updated to include 109P and 114P.
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SECTION N – Plastic Surgery

New	Page 242	396N	Balancing operation – contralateral breast
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SECTION P – Obstetrics & Gynecology

New	Page 255	234P	Hysteroscopic adhesiolysis for treatment of Asherman’s Syndrome
New	Page 255	235P	Hysteroscopic endometrial resection

SECTION R – Urological Surgery

Revision	Page 266	53R	Descriptor Correction
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SECTION S – Ophthalmology

Revision	Page 282	300/301S	Prior approval requirement removed from preamble
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