

# 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 April 1, 2021**.

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, 2021, 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.

The rate changes are a result of the negotiated settlement between the Saskatchewan Medical Association and the Ministry of Health covering the five years from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2022.

For more information on the agreement or the rate changes contained in the April 1, 2021, Physician Payment Schedule, please contact the Saskatchewan Medical Association.

## **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 APRIL 1, 2021****GENERAL**

<b>Revision</b>	Page 7	6.	Introduction – fax number changed
<b>Revision</b>	Page 9-10		Services provided outside Saskatchewan
<b>Revision</b>	Page 10		Billing for services provided to out-of-province beneficiaries
<b>Revision</b>	Page 12	16.	Allied Health Care Personnel – add 796A, 797A
<b>Revision</b>	Page 30	8.	Services Not Insured by the Ministry of Health – add 796A, 797A
<b>Revision</b>	Page 32	1. (a)	Assessment of Accounts
<b>Revision</b>	Page 33	2.	Assessment of Accounts
<b>New</b>	Page 34	4.	Information Sources – Physician Billing Education
<b>Revision</b>	Page 35	C (a)	Information Sources – Financial Services
<b>Revision</b>	Page 35	D	Information Sources - Casework Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Item D (e) removed</li> <li>- Item D (a) added</li> </ul>
<b>Revision</b>	Page 36	F	Information Sources - eHealth Saskatchewan
<b>Revision</b>	Page 37	G (c)	Information Sources - Fee-for-Service and Statistics

**EXPLANATORY CODES**

<b>Revision</b>	Page 42	AZ	General - please refer to correspondence
<b>Revision</b>	Page 43	BU	Surcharges/Special calls – add 796A, 797A
<b>Revision</b>	Page 45	CE	Services Not Insured by the Ministry of Health
<b>Correction</b>	Page 51	GC	Medical Consultant Review of Claims – phone number
<b>Revision</b>	Page 60	RM	Routine Audit and Recovery
<b>New</b>	Page 60	RN	Routine Audit and Recovery

**SECTION A – General Services**

<b>Revision</b>	Page 72	197A	Botox – Rectal spasm, anal fissure – remove @
<b>Revision</b>	Page 72	198A	Botox – hyperhidrosis – add @
<b>Revision</b>	Page 82	8. (d)	Surcharges/Special Calls – add 796A, 797A
<b>Revision</b>	Page 86	2. (g)	Out-of-Hours Premiums – add 796A, 797A

**SECTION A – General Services – continued**

<b>Revision</b>	Page 96	12. 13.	Telephone Calls/Facsimile/Email initiated by Allied Health Care Personnel to Discuss Patient Care and Management - add 796A, 797A
<b>Revision</b>	Page 97	790A	Facsimile/Email initiated by Allied Health Care Personnel to Discuss Patient Care and Management
<b>Revision</b>	Page 97	791A	Facsimile/Email initiated by Allied Health Care Personnel to Discuss Patient Care and Management
<b>New</b>	Page 97	796A	Telephone Call initiated by Allied Health Care Personnel to Discuss Patient Care and Management
<b>New</b>	Page 97	797A	Telephone Call initiated by Allied Health Care Personnel to Discuss Patient Care and Management
<b>Revision</b>	Page 98	12.	Telephone Calls/Facsimile/Email on behalf of a Palliative Patient – add 796A, 797A
<b>Revision</b>	Page 199	11.	Prescription Renewal By Telephone Call, Facsimile, Email Or Other Electronic Means – add 796A, 797A

**SECTION M – Orthopedic Surgery**

<b>New</b>	Page 216	378M	ORIF or excision of accessory bone foot
<b>Revision</b>	Page 216	379M	Rate change only
<b>New</b>	Page 216	383M	Fluoroscopy Guided Joint Injection (Hospital Location)
<b>Revision</b>	Page 219	441M	Distal metatarsal osteotomy for bunion correction
<b>New</b>	Page 218	443M	Isolated first MTP debridement
<b>Revision</b>	Page 218	449M	Rate change only
<b>Revision</b>	Page 219	456M	Rate change only
<b>Revision</b>	Page 219	457M	Descriptor and rate change
<b>New</b>	Page 219	458M	Lesser claw toe correction – each additional toe (max 4)
<b>Revision</b>	Page 219	459M	Descriptor and rate change
<b>Revision</b>	Page 218	460M	Rate change only
<b>New</b>	Page 219	461M	Plantar Plate Reconstruction
<b>Revision</b>	Page 219	462M	Rate change only

**SECTION M – Orthopedic Surgery – continued**

<b>Revision</b>	Page 219	464M	Descriptor and rate change
<b>Revision</b>	Page 219	465M	Descriptor and rate change
<b>New</b>	Page 219	466M	Hindfoot Arthrodesis – each additional joint (max 2)
<b>New</b>	Page 218	475M	Proximal metatarsal osteotomy or 1st TMT fusion
<b>Revision</b>	Page 220	486M	Descriptor change only
<b>Revision</b>	Page 220	487M	Descriptor and rate change
<b>New</b>	Page 220	497M	Ankle Ligament Reconstruction w Allograft or Autograft
<b>New</b>	Page 224	647M	Stabilization of Chronically Subluxing Tendon
<b>New</b>	Page 225	728M	Achilles Insertional Reconstruction w Bony Resection Calcaneus
<b>New</b>	Page 218	850M	Arthroplasty 1st MTP joint (hemi or total replacement with implant)
<b>New</b>	Page 218	851M	Arthroplasty of lesser MTP joint (2nd through 5th) hemi or total with implant

**SECTION N – Plastic Surgery**

<b>New</b>	Page 237	395N	Oncoplastic reconstruction, breast
<b>New</b>	Page 239	580N	Plastic surgery supplement for patients with a Body Mass Index, (Weight [kg]/Height [m] <sup>2</sup> ) greater than 40.

**SECTION P – Obstetrics & Gynecology**

<b>New</b>	Page 248	349P	Dilation and curettage for management of acute or delayed postpartum hemorrhage 24 hours to 6 weeks post-delivery
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