Physicians' Newsletter

April 1, 2023

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.

<u>ACTION REQUIRED</u> – BILLING SOFTWARE & PAYMENT SCHEDULE CHANGES

The Physician Payment Schedule revisions outlined in this newsletter are **<u>effective April 1, 2023.</u>**

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, 2023, 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 at the correct 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.

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CHANGES TO THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE April 1, 2023

GENERAL

Revision	Page 8	Updated link for SMA website
Revision	Page 36	Update Policy, Governance and Audit Information Sources

SECTION A – General Services

New	Page 74	104A	Removal of intrauterine device (IUD)
New	Page 74	105A	Removal of intrauterine device (IUD) when string is not visible and requires the use of sterile instruments for intrauterine manipulation (e.g. IUD retrieval hook, grasper, or curette).
Revision	Page 89	Item 2	13E added to pediatric visit age supplement list.
Revision	Page 89	Item 2	12E added to patients over 65 years of age and older supplement list.
Revision	Page 92	Item 3	List of communities removed for the After-Hours Clinic Premium for General Practitioners

SECTION B – General Practice

Revision	Page 108	8B	Rate increased and descriptor updated to require the use of a Saskatchewan approved prenatal form.

SECTION E – Psychiatry

New	Page 136	8E	Minor Consultation (Adult or Child)
Revision	Page 136	9E	Descriptor change – 30 minute minimum time requirement
Revision	Page 136	10E	Descriptor change – 30 minute minimum time requirement
Revision	Page 136	12E	Correction – Asterisk for age premium
Revision	Page 136	13E	Correction – Asterisk for age premium
Revision	Page 138	63E	Correction – Symbol on Unreferred/By Entitlement rate

SECTION F – Dermatology

Revision	Page 146	121F/122F	Cross reference to new keloid policy under Section N "Surgery of Appearance"

SECTION L – General Surgery

Revision	Page 205	899L	104A, 105A added to list service codes billable with minor tray service

SECTION N – Plastic Surgery

| **New** | Page 237 | Item 2 | Treatment of keloid policy added under the heading "Surgery for Appearance" |

SECTION P – Obstetrics & Gynecology

Revision	Page 248	8P	Revision to descriptor and rate
New	Page 256	333P	Removal of intrauterine device (IUD) under general anesthesia or IV sedation – when only procedure done
Revision	Page 256	334P	Note added to descriptor regarding IUD removal service codes.
New	Page 259	580P/581P	333P added to the list of service codes billable with the BMI supplement.
Revision	Page 259	581P	Correction; 581P omitted from descriptor in error

SECTION R – Urological Surgery

Revision	Page 268	65R	Descriptor updated
Revision	Page 268	66R	Descriptor updated
Revision	Page 268	67R	Descriptor updated
Revision	Page 270	166R	Typo corrected in descriptor
Revision	Page 270	167R	Typo corrected in descriptor
Revision	Page 270	169R	Typo corrected in descriptor
Revision	Page 270	170R	Typo corrected in descriptor
Revision	Page 270	180R	Typo corrected in descriptor

SECTION S – Ophthalmology

| **Revision** | Page 274 | 6S | Typo corrected in descriptor |

SECTION X – Diagnostic Radiology

| **Revision** | Page 310 | 102X | Rates corrected |