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IMPORTANT HEALTH WEBSITE LINKS HAVE CHANGED

Physician documents and forms have moved to the eHealth Saskatchewan website. Moving documents to eHealth allows you to have quick and easy access to the documents and resources you need from a familiar website.

All Medical Services Branch Payment Schedules, Newsletters, Operations Bulletins and forms are available at: <https://www.ehealthsask.ca/services/resources/establish-operate-practice/Pages/Physicians.aspx>

CHANGES TO THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The Physician Payment Schedule revisions outlined in this letter on page 3 are effective April 1, 2018. Software vendors have been provided with the updated payment schedule. Please contact your vendor, if necessary, to make sure they have updated your system to ensure your claims are being paid appropriately.

NEW PHYSICIANS REQUIRED TO BILL ELECTRONICALLY

All new physicians are required to submit their claims electronically to Medical Services Branch. Information on the options available to new physicians can be provided when physicians are initially set up for billing purposes.

PAPER COPIES OF THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Medical Services Branch does not provide paper copies of the Physician Payment Schedule. The Physicians' Newsletter and Operation's Bulletin will continue to be mailed out. Copies of the Payment Schedule can be found at the website link above.

ACTION REQUIRED – PHYSICIANS/CLINICS BILLING SOFTWARE

As outlined in the Physician Direct Payment Agreement, payment for services submitted is made in accordance with the Physician Payment Schedule applicable to the service on the date provided. It is imperative that your billing software is utilizing the most up to date rate file. The new April 1, 2018, rate file has been provided to all software vendors and is posted on the Internet Claims Submission (ICS) website for download. Please contact your software vendor, if necessary, to apply the update to your application.

TO REQUEST A CHANGE TO THE PHYSICIAN PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The Ministry of Health and the Saskatchewan Medical Association (SMA) consider implementation of new service codes, deletions or revisions for inclusion in the Physician Payment Schedule upon approval by the Payment Schedule Review Committee (PSRC) comprised of both Ministry and SMA representatives. To request/initiate a change, deletion or addition to the Payment Schedule, please contact:



The SMA has additional information about the process on their website at:

<http://www.sma.sk.ca/104/new-fee-items-tariffs.html>

CHANGES TO THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2018

General

New	Page 8	To request a change to the Payment Schedule
Update	Page 30	Assessment of Accounts – audit reassessments
Update	Page 32	Claims Unit – website links
Update	Page 33	Financial Services – website links
Update	Page 33	Policy, Governance and Audit – contact information, website links
Update	Page 34	eHealth Saskatchewan – email address
Update	Page 34	Fee-for-Services – website links
Revision	Page 36	Services excluded from reciprocal billing agreements

Explanatory Codes

Revision	Page 39	BL	General
New	Page 47	GA	Medical Consultant Review of Claims
Deletion	Page 47	GD, GE	Cancer Services
Revision	Page 49	JG	Surgical Assisting
New	Page 49	JJ	Surgical Assisting
Revision	Page 53	RA	Routine Audit and Recovery
Revision	Page 54	RD	Routine Audit and Recovery
Revision	Page 54	RE	Routine Audit and Recovery
New	Page 54	RF	Routine Audit and Recovery
Revision	Page 54	RV	Routine Audit and Recovery

SECTION B – General Practice

Revision	Page 100	205B	Entitlement Criteria
Revision	Page 101	206B	Entitlement Criteria

SECTION D – Internal Medicine

Deletion	Page 112	44D	Rogitine test
Deletion	Page 112	49D	Bleeding time—Ivy (Template) test
Deletion	Page 112	53D	Electroencephalogram, insertion leads
Deletion	Page 113	75D	Single breath nitrogen curves - professional
Deletion	Page 113	80D	Transtracheal aspiration

SECTION D – Internal Medicine (continued)

Deletion	Page 113	92D	Esophageal perfusion test – interpretation
Deletion	Page 114	150D	Attendance at cell separation sessions, initial
Deletion	Page 114	151D	Attendance at cell separation sessions, subsequent
Deletion	Page 114	205D	Tolbutamide test
Deletion	Page 114	300D	Exam of slide for diagnosis of malaria
Deletion	Page 114	500D	Management of Acute Leukemia
Deletion	Page 114	501D	Management of Acute Lymphoma

SECTION J – Surgical Assisting

Revision	Page 153	80J/81J	Surgical Assistant for Scheduled Surgery
New	Page 155	370L	Codes for optional billing of 332J, 333J, or 334J

SECTION K – Neurosurgery

Deletion	Page 159	30K	Cisternal puncture
Deletion	Page 159	33K	Burr hole ventriculography
Deletion	Page 159	52K	Fifth root section
Deletion	Page 160	105K	Carotid ligation with Selverston clamp
Deletion	Page 161	188K	Presacral neurectomy
Deletion	Page 161	189K	Phrenicotomy

SECTION L – General Surgery

New	Page 179	248L	Esophagogastric fundoplasty (Nissen) with gastroplasty (Collis)
Revision	Page 189	580L	322L & 323L were removed from point (3) (codes deleted)
New	Page 186	971L	Resection of Sarcoma (non-retroperitoneal)

SECTION P – Obstetrics & Gynecology

Deletion	Page 236	33P	Culdocentesis
Deletion	Page 239	137P	Tubo-uterine implantation
Deletion	Page 236	330P	In-vitro sperm test – technical
Deletion	Page 236	331P	In-vitro sperm test – professional