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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 will continue to be mailed out. These documents can be found at the above link.

CHANGES TO THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The Physician Payment Schedule revisions outlined in this letter are **effective October 1, 2020.**

The rate changes are a result of the negotiated settlement between the Saskatchewan Medical Association and the Ministry of Health covering the 5 years from April 1, 2017, to March 31, 2022. For more information on the agreement or the rate increases contained in the October 1 2020, Physician Payment Schedule, please contact the Saskatchewan Medical Association.

Software vendors have been provided with the updated information. Please contact your vendor, if necessary, to make sure they have updated your system to ensure your claims are being paid appropriately and at the new rates.

ACTION REQUIRED – PHYSICIANS/CLINICS BILLING SOFTWARE

As outlined in the Physician Direct Payment Agreement, payment for services submitted to Medical Services Branch 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 October 1, 2020, 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 ensure your claims are being paid appropriately.

BILLING RESOURCES

There are new billing resources available on the website. These documents will be provided to all new physicians upon registering with Medical Services Branch. They are also available for download or viewing at the above link. They cover topics such as physician billing obligations, documentation requirements, payment integrity (audit), requesting changes to the Physician Payment Schedule, and the Joint Medical Professional Review Committee.

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