Subject: Schedule of Benefits for Physician Services Change - Inclusion of “Family Day” as a Statutory Holiday.

Effective February 1, 2008 the Schedule of Benefits for Physician Services under Regulation 552 of the Health Insurance Act (HIA) was amended to include a new statutory holiday, “Family Day” which has been designated as the third Monday in February. This may affect submission of claims for various premium services such as special visit premiums or after hours premiums as well as services rendered by on duty emergency physicians that day.

A revised Schedule of Benefits for Physician Services, including all amendments set out in this Bulletin, is expected to be distributed to physicians in the new fiscal year.

Bulletins and the updated version of the Schedule reflecting February 1, 2008 amendments are available on the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care website http://www.health.gov.on.ca/.

This Bulletin is a general summary provided for information purposes only. Physicians, hospitals and other health care providers are directed to review the Health Insurance Act, Regulation 552 and the Schedules under that regulation, for the complete text of the provisions. You can access this information on-line at: www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this Bulletin and the applicable legislation and/or regulation, the legislation and/or regulation prevails.