To: Physicians, Hospitals, Clinics and Laboratories

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Re: New Form from the Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS) - Revised

Special Diet Allowance and Pregnancy and Breast-Feeding Nutritional Allowance

Effective February 1, 2011, the current Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS) joint application form for the Special Diet Allowance and the Pregnancy and Breast-Feeding Nutritional Allowance (Code K055) became two separate forms.

The K055 fee code (fee value $20) will continue to be used for the Special Diet Allowance application form.

A new fee code, K056, has been assigned to the Pregnancy and Breast-Feeding Nutritional Allowance application form. The fee value for K056 is $20.

General Practitioners working within any of the Primary Health Care Patient Enrolment Model will be paid fee-for-service for the K056.

NOTE: The current SDA/PBFNA application form can be identified by form number 3059/3060 located in the lower left-hand corner of the form. The form number has changed for both of the new application forms.

The new SDA application form is identified as form number: 3111 (English)/3112 (French).

The PBFNA application form is identified as form number 3109 (English)/3116 (French).

Confirmation of an applicant's need for the Pregnancy and Breast-Feeding Nutritional Allowance and the Special Diet Allowance using form number: 3059/3060 can continue to be submitted for payment until March 31, 2011.
During the transitional period of February 1, 2011 to March 31, 2011, physicians will be permitted to claim K055 twice per patient, per day for situations where:

1) applicants wish to qualify for the Special Diet Allowance (SDA) from the date of application until March 31, 2011 (using form number 3059/3060) as well as for April 1, 2011 onwards (using form number 3111/3112);

OR

2) applicants wish to qualify for the Pregnancy Breastfeeding Nutritional Allowance (PBFNA) prior to March 31, 2011 (using form number 3059/3060) and the SDA post April 1, 2011 (using form 3111/3112).

Beginning April 1, 2011, physicians completing both forms will submit K055 and K056.

INQUIRIES: Physicians should direct inquiries regarding MCSS forms and their use to the ServiceOntario INFOline toll-free at 1-888-789-4199