Background:

This bulletin describes changes to the Schedule of Benefits for Physician Services (Schedule) and Regulation 552 under the Health Insurance Act (HIA) to remove In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) and Artificial Insemination (AI) as insured services. These changes are necessary to support the requirements of the new fertility services program that funds IVF and AI as uninsured services. The new program expands access to IVF and AI for all eligible forms of medical and non-medical infertility by contributing public funds for IVF and AI services provided at participating clinics (non-hospital and hospital based).

Revisions to the Schedule:

Effective December 21, 2015, IVF and AI services will be removed from the Schedule and Regulation 552 will be amended to add IVF and AI to the list of excluded services under section 24(1). As a result of the exclusion, laboratory, physician and hospital services in support of IVF and AI will also be uninsured. Commentary has been added to the Schedule to clarify that ultrasound services, laboratory services and telephone supervisory fee for ovulation induction (G334) are not insured when rendered to support IVF or AI services.
Deleted Fee Codes:

The following fee codes will be deleted from the Schedule effective December 21, 2015:

- G367 – Artificial insemination
- Z718 – Oocyte retrieval

Revised Fee Codes:

A revision will be made to fee code Z585 in Section V to delete the phrase hysteroscopy with embryo transfer.

The full details of the changes to the Schedule can be found at:

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/ohip/sob/sob_mn.html

Further information about these changes is available at:

http://www.ontario.ca/fertility

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