

Bulletin



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Subject: Implementation of 2004 Physician Services Agreement

1. Fee Increases
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In accordance with the 2004 Physician Services Agreement, a number of changes are being made to the Schedule of Benefits for Physician Services effective October 1, 2006.

1. Fee Increases

Effective October 1, 2006, fee increases to specific fee codes will be implemented. These fee increases are summarized in Chart 1.

The fee increases will be implemented into the OHIP claims processing system effective October 1, 2006.

Proposed changes to anaesthesia time units will be communicated separately.

2. New Fee Codes

A new fee code for a primary care visit after hospital discharge will be introduced to the Schedule of Benefits for Physicians Services effective October 1, 2006. The following text will be inserted on page GP24 of the General Preamble. Paediatricians may claim this fee code for patients when they are the patient's primary care physician.

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First visit by primary care physician after hospital discharge premium

E080 First visit after hospital discharge premium, to other service listed in paragraph 5 below, add.....25.00

Payment rules:

- 1. Subject to payment rules 2 through 5, E080 is only eligible for payment for a visit with the patient’s primary care physician in the physician’s office or the patient’s home within two weeks of discharge following in-patient admission to an acute care hospital.

[Commentary:

This premium is not payable for visits rendered to patients in other locations other than the physician’s office or patient’s home. As such, the premium is not payable for services rendered in places such as Nursing Homes, Homes for the Aged, chronic care hospitals, etc.]

- 2. E080 is not eligible for payment if the admission to hospital was for the purpose of obstetrical delivery unless the mother required admission to an ICU during the hospital stay.
- 3. E080 is not eligible for payment if the admission to hospital was for the purpose of newborn care unless the infant required admission to a NICU during the hospital stay.
- 4. E080 is not eligible for payment if the admission to hospital was for the purpose of performing day surgery.
- 5. E080 is only eligible for payment when rendered with the following services:

A001, A003, A004, A007, A008, A888, A901, A903,
K004–K008, K013, K014, K022, K023, K028-K030, K032,
K033, K037, K623, P003, P004, P008, A261, A263, A264

Laboratory Medicine Fees

The Anatomic Pathology – Surgical Laboratory fee codes in the Diagnostics and Therapeutics Procedures Section of the Schedule is also being revised with new fee codes and descriptors. The current six fee codes for these services are being replaced with seven new fee codes. Two new fee codes for histochemical interpretation are being introduced under Special Procedures and Interpretation, and will be payable at zero dollars. These two fee codes will be used for interim tracking purposes only. Please see revised descriptors on pages J35 – J39 of the Schedule of Benefits.

3. Amendment charts

Chart 1 – Amendments to fee codes, fee increases and new fee codes.

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