

Bulletin



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Subject: Implementation of 2004 Physician Services Agreement effective April 1, 2007.

- 1. Fee increases**
- 2. New fee schedule codes**
- 3. Anaesthesia Base Units**
- 4. Amendment chart**

In accordance with the 2004 Physician Services Agreement, a number of changes are being made to the Schedule of Benefits for Physician Services **effective April 1, 2007**. These changes will benefit primary care physicians as well as specialist physicians in the areas of medicine, obstetrics and anaesthesia.

1. Fee increases

Effective April 1, 2007, fee increases to specific fee codes will be implemented. These fee increases are summarized in the attached chart.

The Anatomic Pathology – Surgical Laboratory fee codes in the Diagnostics and Therapeutics Procedures Section of the Schedule is also being revised. The two fee codes for histochemical interpretation introduced October 1, 2006 under Special Procedures and Interpretation, will have fees specified.

The fee increases will be implemented into the OHIP claims processing system effective April 1, 2007.

2. New fee schedule codes

Effective April 1, 2007, two new fee codes are being introduced that will improve services for palliative care and long-term care patients.

3. Anaesthesia Base Units

Effective April 1, 2007, the minimum anaesthesia base units for a number of surgical procedures will be increased from five to six units.

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4. Amendment chart

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

Revised pages reflecting the amendments for the Schedule of Benefits for Physician Services will be distributed to physicians in April 2007.

Bulletins and the updated version of the Schedule are available on the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care website <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/>.

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Bulletins and the updated version of the Schedule of Benefits are available on the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care website <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/>.