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Subject: Implementation of 2007 Re-assessment Memorandum of Agreement effective February 1, 2008 - Amendments to the Schedule of Benefits for Physician Services.

- 1. Fee increases**
- 2. Deleted fee codes**
- 3. New fee codes**
- 4. Revision to existing fee code descriptors**
- 5. Amendment charts**

In keeping with the provisions of the 2007 Re-assessment Memorandum Agreement, a number of changes to the Schedule of Benefits are to be implemented effective February 1, 2008. In particular, significant revisions were made to fee schedule codes dealing with nasal and sinus surgery (pages P1 to P5) and Botulinum toxin injections (page J32). It is recommended that physicians review the Schedule for changes that may affect them.

1. Fee increases

Effective February 1, 2008, fee increases to specific fee codes will be implemented. These fee increases are summarized in Chart 1.

2. Deleted fee codes

A number of fee schedule codes will be deleted effective February 1, 2008. In most circumstances, the service will now be claimed using a new or existing fee schedule code. These deleted fee codes are summarized in Chart 1.

3. New fee codes

Effective February 1, 2008, new fee codes will be introduced. These fee codes are summarized in Chart 2.

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4. Revisions to existing fee code descriptors

A number of revisions will be made to the wording/definitions of some existing fee codes in order to reflect revised insurability criteria for certain procedures effective February 1, 2008. These revisions are summarized in Chart 3.

5. Amendment charts

Chart 1 – Fee increases and Deleted fee codes - effective February 1, 2008

Chart 2 – New fee codes - effective February 1, 2008

Chart 3 – Revisions to existing fee code descriptors - effective February 1, 2008

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/>.

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