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Meetings with Sections to discuss Reference Code Session results

Commission meetings with the OMA Clinical Sections have been scheduled for later this month. At those meetings, each Section's reference codes, a preliminary analysis of the October 3 - 4 Reference Code Session data, and next steps, will be discussed.

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The Reference Code Session produced a large volume of valuable data - data that will require many levels of consideration and analysis. The Commission has decided that the most important first step is to meet with each Section to discuss their own codes.

The intensity values of the reference codes will then be determined by the Commission based on the results of the Reference Code Session, the input we receive from each Section, as well as the advice of our external experts on related methodological and statistical issues.

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Responding to concerns about technical fees raised in latest The Medical Post

In the October 27th edition of The Medical Post, it was stated that at least one Section representative believes the "the Commission has arbitrarily limited how much specialists can be paid, particularly by trying to limit technical fees". This is simply not true. The Commission has taken absolutely no position on technical fees and, in fact, has not yet finalized the approach it will take on the evaluation of technical fees. The Commission is certain, however, that as with the rest of its mandate, any work to do with technical fees should be based on the most current and accurate data. This information is best provided by those who bill technical fees. The Commission continues to encourage those Sections representing physicians who bill technical fees to continue their participation in this consultative process.

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Ontario Hospital Association members following RBRVS process

Representatives of the Ontario Hospital Association met with Commission members last week to inform the Commission of their interest in the RBRVS process and, in particular, any impact the new Schedule will have on hospital services. The Commission found this meeting very useful and will consult carefully with the OHA and others on its recommendations concerning implementation.

Commission meetings continue with other interested groups

Commission members are busy responding to the invitations of groups, both in and outside of the OMA, to brief them on the Commission's work and receive their input. This month, the Commission made a presentation to the Independent Diagnostic Centres

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Association at their request and received helpful information and suggestions. As well, Dr. Wade met with the Executive Committee of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and gave them an overview of the Commission's mandate. Please don't hesitate to contact the Commission if you would like us to meet with your group.

Optometric profession beginning similar process

As a result of the March 1998 Agreement between the Ministry of Health ("MOH") and the Ontario Association of Optometrists ("OAO"), the OHIP Optometry Schedule Review Commission has been set up with a mandate to produce a Relative Value Schedule for recommendation to both the MOH and the OAO.

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