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Subject **ELECTROCARDIOGRAMS REQUESTED BY EXTENDED CERTIFICATE REGISTERED NURSES (ECRNs)**

Bulletins [4310](#) dated April 14, 1998 and [4314](#) dated June 30, 1998 (and Independent Health Facilities Bulletin [2006](#)) gave notice that certain diagnostic services are insured when referred by an ECRN. ECRNs are provided with OHIP registration numbers solely for the purpose of making such referrals.

The Ministry, in consultation with the College of Nurses of Ontario, has agreed that referral of patients for electrocardiograms in non-urgent, non-acute circumstances is within the scope of practice of ECRNs. Claims by physicians and hospitals for electrocardiograms referred by ECRNs in the above circumstances are accepted against fee codes G313 and G310. The Schedule of Benefits for Physician Services is being amended to reflect the above clarification.

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