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Subject **Physician Schedule of Benefits:
Medical Specific Assessments and Re-assessments**

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Ontario Medical Association have accepted recommendations from the Physician Services Committee to revise descriptors for the existing medical specialist "General Assessment" and "General Re-assessment" fee codes. Effective June 1, 2000, the descriptors for these fee codes will be changed to "Medical Specific Assessment" and "Medical Specific Re-assessment" for the specialties listed below and reflect accepted standards of practice for these particular medical specialists. The amounts payable for the affected fee codes are unchanged.

The required specific elements that apply to the revised fee codes are changed from those for General Assessment and Reassessment, General Preamble B.4 (a & b), to those for "Specific Assessment" and "Specific Re-assessment", General Preamble B.4 (e & f). The General Preamble, B.4 (e & f), is revised to reflect this change.

The amounts payable and limits for Medical Specific Re-assessments remain the same as for the former General Assessments and General Re-assessments. The General Preamble B.4 (e & f) is revised to reflect this.

Fee code descriptors, amounts payable and limits for existing Specific Assessments and Re-assessments for surgical and other specialist groups are unchanged.

Fee code descriptors for General Assessment and General Reassessment fee codes are changed to Medical Specific Assessment and Medical Specific Assessment for the following medical specialist groups:

- Cardiology
- Geriatrics
- Occupational Medicine
- Immunology
- Hematology
- Neurology
- Gastroenterology
- Internal Medicine
- Physical Medicine

- Radiation Oncology

- Respiriology

- Rheumatology

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Physician Schedule of Benefits:**Medical Specific Assessments and Re-assessments (Cont'd)**

Fee code descriptors are unchanged for the following medical specialist groups, which already have fee codes for Specific Assessments and Specific Reassessments:

- Anesthesia
- Dermatology
- Psychiatry

There is no change to fee codes for the following medical specialist groups that do not have existing fee codes for General Assessment and General Reassessment:

- Community Medicine
- Emergency Medicine
- Laboratory Medicine
- Diagnostic Radiology
- Nuclear Medicine

Existing General Assessment and General Reassessment fee codes are retained for the following specialty group:

- Pediatrics

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