

Bulletin



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Subject **Community Medicine**

Prior to April 1, 1999, Community Medicine specialists were registered with the Ministry of Health and

Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) under the physician specialty code of (13) for Internal Medicine and submitted claims for consultations and visits using Internal Medicine fee codes despite being a separate and distinct specialty.

The MOHLTC and the Ontario Medical Association agreed to establish a new physician specialty code of (05) for specialists certified in Community Medicine. The Schedule of Benefits was amended April 1, 1999 to reflect the new specialty code and introduced the following new fee codes:

Full Consultation A055, C055, W055

Limited Consultation A405, C405, W405

A transition period has been established until December 31, 2000 during which time physicians who are qualified in Community Medicine but currently registered as (13) can bill the new Community Medicine fee codes. As of January 1, 2001, claims for Community Medicine codes by physicians not registered with the MOHLTC as (05) will be rejected. Similarly, specialists in Community Medicine will no longer be able to submit claims using fee codes for Internal Medicine (13) unless entitled to dual registration as both (05) and (13) upon submission of dual certification to the MOHLTC registration staff.

To obtain registration as a Community Medicine Specialist you must provide one of the following documents to the nearest MOHTLC office:

- Copy of specialty certificate issued by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC).
- If a recent graduate and no certificate is available, a copy of the letter from the RCPSC notifying the physician of his/her success in the recent specialty examinations.

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