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Subject **CLAIMS SUBMISSION FOR E450, E451, "X", "J" AND "Y" PREFIXED DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES**

*NOTICE TO: HOSPITAL RADIOLOGY, ULTRASOUND, NUCLEAR MEDICINE AND PULMONARY
FUNCTION DEPARTMENTS AND PHYSICIANS RENDERING SPIROMETRY OR FLOW VOLUME LOOP
TESTING IN PRIVATE CLINICS*

Under the 2000 Agreement between the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC), the parties agreed to segregate technical fees of diagnostic services into a separate funding pool. To facilitate this segregation, the option to submit claims for combined professional component P and technical component H or T using "A" suffixed fee codes, as described in the following 'Background' section and table, will be eliminated effective **April 1, 2001**. Claims for professional component P and technical component H or T must be submitted as separate claim items i. e. technical component H or T must be claimed using only the "B" suffix while professional component P must be claimed using only the "C" suffix. Claims for diagnostic services listed in the above table with a service date on or after April 1, 2001 and submitted as a combined fee using the "A" suffix option will be payable at nil.

BACKGROUND: Fees for diagnostic procedures in the *Nuclear Medicine, Diagnostic Radiology, Diagnostic Ultrasound and Pulmonary Function Studies* sections of *Schedule of Benefits for Physician Services* are divided into a professional component P and a technical component H or T. When claims are submitted for diagnostic services in an Independent Health Facility (IHF) and a facility fee is listed in the *Schedule of Facility Fees*, physicians must submit claims for professional component P separately from the facility fees. However, when the diagnostic service is rendered in a hospital or non-IHF clinic, physicians have the option of submitting claims for professional and technical components either combined as one fee (using "A" suffix code) or separately ("B" suffix for technical component H or T and "C" suffix for professional component P). [Note: for non-diagnostic services, "A", "B" and "C" suffixes are defined differently and are unaffected by this bulletin]. The specific diagnostic codes for which the "A" suffix option will be discontinued April 1, 2001 are listed in the following table.

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FEE CODES	DESCRIPTION
X001 to X230	diagnostic radiology in hospitals
J102 to J893**	diagnostic ultrasound, nuclear medicine and pulmonary functions studies in hospitals
Y602 to Y888	nuclear medicine studies with data manipulation in hospitals
J301, J304, J324, J327	spirometry and flow volume loop testing in both hospitals and private offices or clinics
E450, E451	add-on codes to graded exercise pulmonary function studies in hospitals

**Does not include J001 to J068 Clinical Radiology Procedures for which technical fee is not assigned.

SOFTWARE VENDORS AND BILLING AGENTS

Affected hospital diagnostic groups and those physicians currently using the "A" suffix option for spirometry and flow volume loop studies in private clinics should ensure that their billing agent, billing department and/or software vendor are made aware of this notice.

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