

Bulletin



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Subject: Implementation of 2004 Physician Services Agreement effective April 1, 2007.

- 1. Fee increases**
- 2. New fee schedule codes**
- 3. Anaesthesia Base Units**
- 4. Amendment chart**

In accordance with the 2004 Physicians Services Agreement, a number of changes are being made to the Schedule of Benefits for Physician Services **effective April 1, 2007**. These changes will benefit primary care physicians as well as specialist physicians in the areas of medicine, obstetrics and anaesthesia.

1. Fee increases

Effective April 1, 2007, fee increases to specific fee codes will be implemented. These fee increases are summarized in the attached chart.

The Anatomic Pathology – Surgical Laboratory fee codes in the Diagnostics and Therapeutics Procedures Section of the Schedule is also being revised. The two fee codes for histochemical interpretation introduced October 1, 2006 under Special Procedures and Interpretation, will have fees specified.

The fee increases will be implemented into the OHIP claims processing system effective April 1, 2007.

2. New fee schedule codes

Effective April 1, 2007, two new fee codes are being introduced that will improve services for palliative care and long-term care patients.

3. Anaesthesia Base Units

Effective April 1, 2007, the minimum anaesthesia base units for a number of surgical procedures will be increased from five to six units.

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4. Amendment chart

Chart 1 – Amendments to fee codes, fee increases and new fee codes.

Revised pages reflecting the amendments for the Schedule of Benefits for Physician Services will be distributed to physicians in April 2007.

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Bulletins and the updated version of the Schedule of Benefits are available on the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care website <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/>.

Chart 1 - Schedule of Benefits Amendment effective April 1, 2007

Fee Code	Schedule Section	Fee Code Description	Existing Fee	Increased Fee April 2007
OMA Agreement				
A007	A3, A59, NI-1	Family Practice & Practice in General - intermediate assessment	\$30.95	\$31.45
A014	A25, NI-1	Anaesthesia - partial assessment	\$29.05	\$30.10
A078	A40, NI-1	Geriatrics - partial assessment	\$29.05	\$30.10
A138	A44, NI-2	Internal Medicine - partial assessment	\$29.05	\$30.10
A188	A47, NI-2	Neurology - partial assessment	\$29.05	\$30.10
A194	A67, NI-2	Psychiatry - partial assessment	\$29.05	\$30.10
A221	A38, NI-2	Genetics - partial assessment	\$29.05	\$30.10
A284	A46, NI-3	Laboratory Medicine - partial assessment	\$29.05	\$30.10
A318	A63, NI-3	Physicial Medicine - partial assessment	\$29.05	\$30.10
A348	A73, NI-3	Radiation Oncology - partial assessment	\$29.05	\$30.10
A418	A34, NI-3	Gastroenterology - partial assessment	\$29.05	\$30.10
A478	A74, NI-3	Respirology - partial assessment	\$29.05	\$30.10
A488	A75, NI-4	Rheumatology - partial assessment	\$29.05	\$30.10
A608	A27, NI-4	Cardiology - partial assessment	\$29.05	\$30.10
A618	A43, NI-4	Haematology - partial assessment	\$29.05	\$30.10
A628	A29, NI-4	Clinical Immunology - partial assessment	\$29.05	\$30.10
A638	A50, NI-4	Nuclear Medicine - partial assessment	\$29.05	\$30.10
A777	A3, A11, NI-5	Family Practice & Practice in General - pronouncement of death - office	\$30.95	\$31.45
A921	K4, NI-5	Medical Management of Early pregnancy - subsequent visit	\$30.95	\$31.45
C777	A7, NI-13	Family Practice & Practice in General - pronouncement of death - hospital	\$30.95	\$31.45
E078	A27, A29, A34, A40, A43- A44, A46- A47, A59, A63, A73-A75, NI-15	Medical Specific Assessment, Medical Specific Re-Assessment, Complex Medical Specific Re-Assessment and Partial Assessment (Restricted to Specialty 07, 13, 18, 26, 28, 31, 34, 41, 47, 48, 60, 61, 62 and restricted to specified Diagnostic Codes 402, 428, 7	add 30%	add 40%
G511	J56	Telephone services to patient receiving palliative care at home	n/a	\$17.75
K038	A23, NI-40	Long Term Care Application form	n/a	\$41.00
K030	A21, NI-52	Family Practice & Practice in General - Diabetic Management Assessment	\$36.00	\$36.50
K033	A13, NI-52	Family Practice & Practice in General - individual counselling - over 3 services	\$30.95	\$31.45
K041	A13, NI-52	Family Practice & Practice in General - group counselling - over 3 services	\$30.95	\$31.45
K099		GP Psychotherapy Premium	10%	15%
P006	K5, NI-64	Obstetrics - vaginal delivery	\$395.75	\$445.75
P008	K6, NI-64	Obstetrics - postnatal assessment	\$30.95	\$31.45
P009	K5, NI-64	Obstetrics - attendance at labour and delivery when assists, gives anaesthetic or resuscitates newborn	\$395.75	\$445.75
P010	K5, NI-64	Obstetrics - attendance of obstetrical consultant at delivery	\$161.20	\$211.20
P018	K5, NI-64	Obstetrics - Cesarean section	\$464.85	\$514.85
P020	K5, NI-64	Obstetrics - operative delivery, rotation or assisted breech	\$427.15	\$477.15
P038	K5, NI-64	Obstetrics - attendance at labour when patient transferred	\$161.20	\$211.20
P041	K5, NI-64	Obstetrics - Cesarean section including tubal interruption	\$489.95	\$539.95
P042	K5, NI-64	Obstetrics - Cesarean section including hysterectomy	\$684.35	\$734.35
W777	A11, NI-64	Family Practice & Practice in General - pronouncement of death - Long term care facility	\$30.95	\$31.45
XXXC	All	Anaesthesia base units	Current minimum base units is 5	Increase minimum base units to 6
Laboratory Agreement				
L868	J39, NI-56	Special histochemistry for identification of microorganisms	\$0.00	\$35.05
L869	J39, NI-56	Special histochemistry for identification of elements other than microorganisms	\$0.00	\$15.55