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System solution for E405A effective December 1, 2020.

Allow E405A-Hospital Complexity Modifier payment with extra unit anaesthesiology codes effective December 1 2020.

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Background

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titled 'Temporary Fees for Identified AGMP Procedures-COVID-19-Hospital Physician Compensation' and [INFOBulletin 201105](#)

[<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/ohip/bulletins/redux/bul201105.aspx>](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/ohip/bulletins/redux/bul201105.aspx)

titled 'COVID-19 Hospital Physician Compensation: E405A Changes' the Ministry of Health (ministry) implemented temporary payments for specified physician services provided in hospital as a result of COVID-19.

Fee Schedule Code (FSC) **E405A: COVID Hospital Complexity Modifier** was implemented on June 1, 2020 with an effective date of April 3, 2020.

An issue occurred during the implementation of this FSC where E405A was not paying with some anaesthesiology extra unit fee codes.

System solution to pay anaesthesiology fee codes

Please Note: No action is required by physicians.

Effective December 1, 2020, a system solution has been implemented to calculate the amount for the E405A premium when billed with one or more anaesthesiology extra unit fee codes (listed below). The E405A premium will pay at 30% of the fee

paid (fee approved for shadow billed claims) for service dates between April 3, 2020 to July 31, 2020.

The eligible anaesthesiology extra unit fee codes are as follows:

Add-On	Description
E010C	Patient with body mass index (BMI) > 40.
E011C	Patient in prone position during surgery.
E012C	Patient who is known to have malignant hyperthermia or there is a strong suspicion of susceptibility, and the anaesthetic requires full malignant hyperthermia set up and management.
E016C	ASA V – moribund patient not expected to live 24 hours with or without operation.
E017C	ASA IV – patient with incapacitating systemic disease that is a constant threat to life.
E020C	ASA E – patient undergoing anaesthesia for emergency surgery which commences within 24 hours of operating room booking, to E022C, E017C or E016C.
E021C	Premature newborn less than 37 weeks gestational age.
E022C	ASA III - patient with severe systemic disease limiting activity but not incapacitating.
E024C	Patient in sitting position during surgery, greater than 60 degrees upright.
E025C	Unanticipated massive transfusion – transfusion of at least one blood volume of red blood cells.

A (MADJ) will be run to adjust previously submitted E405A claims that paid at \$0. This is tentatively scheduled for the February 2021 Remittance Advice (RA). Further details relating to the MADJ will be detailed in a future INFOBulletin.

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