

INFOBulletin

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Re: Temporary Fees for Identified AGMP Procedures-COVID-19
-Hospital Physician Compensation

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The Ministry of Health (the ministry) has implemented new temporary payments for physician services in hospital as a result of COVID-19.

Effective April 3, 2020, the ministry has implemented a new temporary fee code to enable the processing of the temporary modifier hospital payment for Aerosol Generating Medical Procedures (AGMP). This new fee schedule code (FSC) is part of the larger new COVID-19 temporary payments for physician services in hospital.

The new fee schedule code used to process the hospital AGMP modifier payment to physicians is:

E405: COVID Hospital Complexity Modifier

E405 should only be billed for patients who are COVID-19 positive or who are treated as at risk of COVID-19 positive under local hospital policy. This FSC can only be billed with certain procedures which are listed in Appendix A or associated with anesthesia fees for those procedures.

E405 can only be billed for eligible procedures with a service date in the following period of time: April 3, 2020 to July 31, 2020.

E405 will be paid at 30% of the fee paid value (fee approved for shadow billed claims) of the following applicable services for the same patient, same physician on the same day:

- Physicians eligible for payment for anesthesia service codes with prefix D, F, M, N, P, R, S and Z and with suffix C, and when billed with E405 will receive an additional 30% of the fee approved value for all services with general anesthesia units. These include: E604C, E645C, E650C, E722C, E956C, G478C, G479C, J001C, J002C, J005C-J008C, J011C-J013C, J018C, J021C, J024C-J027C, J029, J031C- J034C, J044C-J046C, J048C-J049C, J052C, J056C-J058C, J065C, J067C-J068C
- Aerosol Generating Medical Procedures (AGMP) see [Appendix A](#)
- E***C surgical codes

Fee for Service Claim Submissions:

- A Master Number is required to be submitted with the E405 FSC
- E405 does not require a diagnostic code
- When E405 is billed with a Northern Specialist Hospital-based group number (group numbers 64AA-64DZ) the 30% premium will be calculated on the pre-reduction amount
- The E405 is payable on the sum of fee paid (fee approved for shadow billed claims) for all eligible claims, submitted on the same claim or previously paid claims with same service date, same physician, and same patient
- E405 is a daytime premium
- E405 is not payable with E400C, E401C, E409A, E410A, E412A, E413A, Q012A, Q016A, Q017A and Q018A (after-hours premiums)
- Age and Anesthesia premiums apply to the main procedural code but do not apply to the E405 premium
- Travel, first and additional persons seen premiums are eligible for payment with E405 for the same patient, same physician, same service date
- E405 is not eligible to be billed with virtual care claims

Appendix A-Aerosol Generating Medical Procedures (AGMP)

Fee Schedule Code	Descriptor	April 2020 Value
Anaesthesia	Anaesthesia unit fee	\$15.29
E600	Larynx-Endoscopy- Laryngoscopy- Using operating microscope-To charges for laryngoscopy add	\$33.60
G050	Trachea and Bronchi-Endoscopy-Bronchoscopy- Endobronchial ultrasound (EBUS), for guided biopsy of hilar and/or mediastinal lymph nodes	\$203.05
G579	Echocardiography-Transoesophageal echocardiography- Saline study (including venipuncture, to G571, G574, G581 or G584 add	\$11.35
G580	Echocardiography-Transoesophageal echocardiography- Insertion of oesophageal transducer	\$45.00
G581	Echocardiography-Transoesophageal echocardiography- professional component (P1)	\$25.00
M012	Nose-Reconstruction-Septoplasty	\$293.95
M054	Accessory Nasal Sinuses-Endoscopic approach- Intranasal maxillary antrostomy -unilateral -by endoscopic or endonasal approach	\$123.70
M055	Accessory Nasal Sinuses-External Or Endonasal Approach-Maxillary-Caldwell- Luc (includes intranasal antrostomy)-Unilateral	\$247.35
M056	Accessory Nasal Sinuses-Maxillectomy-Partial or complete	\$971.75
M061	Accessory Nasal Sinuses-External Or Endonasal Approach-Sphenoid-Trans- Septal sphenoidectomy for tumour or radical exenteration of disease	\$355.65
M081	Larynx-Excision-Laryngectomy-Total	\$838.90

Fee Schedule Code	Descriptor	April 2020 Value
M083	Accessory Nasal Sinuses-Ethmoidectomy/antroostomy-Intranasal ethmoidectomy including maxillary antrostomy, with endoscope -unilateral (not eligible for payment with M061 or M054)	\$350.00
M084	Larynx-Excision-Laryngectomy-Segmental, including reconstruction	\$888.85
M086	Accessory Nasal Sinuses-Ethmoidectomy/antroostomy-Trans- Nasal endoscopic repair of CSF rhinorrhea (includes harvesting of graft material) with or without 3D CT/MRI image guided system	\$822.45
M105	Chest Wall and Mediastinum-Excision-Chest wall tumour, resection of 2 or 3 ribs or cartilages	\$650.00
M135	Lungs and Pleura-Incision-Major decortication of lung for empyema or tumour	\$848.80
M137	Respiratory /Cardiovascular Surgical Procedures-Lungs and pleura-Incision-Multi-Thoracotomy with or without biopsy	\$390.65
M142	Lungs and Pleura-Excision-Pneumonectomy, may include radical mediastinal node dissection, sampling or pericardial resection requiring repair	\$1,485.40
M143	Lungs and Pleura-Excision-Lobectomy, may include radical mediastinal node dissection or sampling	\$1,402.60
M145	Lungs and Pleura-Excision-Wedge resection of lung	\$843.40
M149	Lungs and Pleura-Excision-Pleurectomy, and/or apical bullectomy for pneumothorax	\$525.00
M151	Lungs and Pleura-Excision-Bullectomy for major bullous disease	\$725.00

Fee Schedule Code	Descriptor	April 2020 Value
N111	Cranial-Skull Base Surgery-Resection of lesion(s)-Endonasal Approach-Pituitary lesion(s)-Transsphenoidal microscopic resection of lesion(s) originating in the sella turcica requiring simple closure, repair and/or reconstruction of surgical defect(s)	\$1,879.00
N112	Cranial-Brain-Skull Base Surgery -Surgical Access-Endonasal Approach-Surgeon not rendering resection of lesion(s)-Endonasal endoscopic or microscopic approach for surgical access to sella turcica-Includes when rendered middle turbinate reductions, maxillary antrastomies, ethmoidotomies, ethmoidectomies, sphenoidotomies, septotomy, septoplasty and septal mucosal flap(s) harvest associated with septotomy or sphenoidal mucosal flap(s)	\$1,360.00
N114	Cranial-Skull Base Surgery-Resection of lesion(s)-Endonasal Approach-Pituitary lesion(s)-Transsphenoidal endonasal endoscopic resection of lesion(s) originating in the sella turcica requiring simple closure, repair and/or reconstruction of surgical defect(s)	\$1,742.45
N116	Cranial-Skull Base Surgery-Resection of lesion(s)-Endonasal Approach-Non- Pituitary lesion(s)-Endonasal endoscopic resection of non- Pituitary lesion(s) not originating from pituitary tissue requiring simple closure, repair and/or reconstruction of surgical defect(s)	\$2,243.45
N150	Cranial-Cerebral Injury-C.S.F. leak-Intracranial repair (to include trans- Sphenoidal approach)	\$1,065.45
R181	Respiratory Surgical Procedures-Nose-Excision of nasopharyngeal or oropharyngeal lesion-With palatal split	\$508.20
S018	Oral Cavity and Pharynx-Excision-Glossectomy-Partial	\$197.45
S043	Salivary Glands and Ducts-Excision-Parotid gland-Total (with preservation of facial nerve)	\$885.75

Fee Schedule Code	Descriptor	April 2020 Value
S063	Oral Cavity and Pharynx-Excision-Branchial-Tonsillectomy and may include adenoidectomy	\$178.35
S065	Oral Cavity and Pharynx-Excision-Branchial-Adenoidectomy	\$101.25
S068	Oral Cavity and Pharynx-Excision-Closure of fistula-Pharyngo- Laryngectomy	\$1,155.45
S236	Endoscopic Ultrasound-Linear or radial echo-Endoscope-Excluding biliary or pancreatic examination (scope also used for therapeutic procedures)	\$203.05
S237	Endoscopic Ultrasound-Linear or radial echo-Endoscope-Including biliary and/or pancreatic examination (scope also used for therapeutic procedures)	\$253.80
Z292	Laryngoscopy Direct without biopsy	\$61.30
Z293	Laryngoscopy Direct with biopsy	\$61.30
Z296	Nose-Endoscopy-Fiberoptic endoscopy of upper airway (nose, hypopharynx or larynx) (IOP)-With flexible endoscope-If only operative procedure performed	\$20.10
Z299	Nose-Endoscopy-Fiberoptic endoscopy of upper airway (nose, hypopharynx or larynx) (IOP)-With rigid endoscope, for Diagnostic evaluation, or to facilitate biopsy or surgical treatment of pathology in the posterior nasal cavity, hypopharynx or larynx	\$8.55
Z301	Nose-Incision-Drainage of abscess or haematoma	\$55.60
Z302	Nose-Incision-Turbinate reduction-Unilateral or bilateral (by any method)	\$55.60
Z305	Nose-Excision-Nasal polyp-Multiple or involving general anaesthetic-Unilateral	\$55.60

Fee Schedule Code	Descriptor	April 2020 Value
Z311	Nose-Excision-Removal of foreign body-Local anaesthetic	\$10.55
Z312	Nose-Excision-Removal of foreign body-General anaesthetic	\$50.90
Z314	Nose-Treatment of epistaxis (nasal Haemorrhage)-Cauterization-Unilateral	\$11.50
Z315	Nose-Treatment of epistaxis (nasal Haemorrhage)-Anterior packing-Unilateral	\$15.35
Z316	Nose-Treatment of epistaxis (nasal Haemorrhage)-Posterior packing-Unilateral or bilateral	\$35.50
Z317	Nose-Endoscopy-Fiberoptic endoscopy of upper airway (nose, hypopharynx or larynx) (IOP)-Examination under anaesthesia (EUA) of nose including suction cautery for posterior epistaxis-Unilateral or bilateral	\$112.05
Z318	Accessory Nasal Sinuses-Endoscopic approach-Trephine or endoscopic frontal sinusotomy	\$133.30
Z322	Larynx-Endoscopy-Direct-With removal of foreign body	\$106.45
Z323	Larynx-Endoscopy-Direct-With removal of lesion(s)	\$226.35
Z324	Larynx-Endoscopy-Indirect-With biopsy or removal of foreign body	\$44.70
Z325	Trachea and Bronchi-Incision-Emergency tracheotomy	\$474.65
Z326	Trachea and Bronchi-Tracheo-Bronchial aspiration-Change of tracheostomy tube	\$12.50
Z327	Trachea and Bronchi-Endoscopy-Bronchoscopy-Flexible or rigid, with or without bronchial biopsy, suction or injection of contrast material	\$124.90
Z329	Chest Wall and Mediastinum-Endoscopy-Mediastinoscopy	\$380.00

Fee Schedule Code	Descriptor	April 2020 Value
Z331	Lungs and Pleura-Introduction-Thoracentesis-Aspiration for Diagnostic sample	\$32.45
Z332	Lungs and Pleura-Introduction-Thoracentesis-Aspiration with therapeutic drainage with or without Diagnostic sample	\$59.15
Z334	Lungs and Pleura-Introduction-Thoracentesis-Total unilateral lung lavage with or without bronchoscopy using Double Lumen Tube and single lung anaesthesia	\$304.60
Z335	Thoracoscopy (pleuroscopy) with or without pleural Biopsy, suction, etc.	\$242.35
Z336	Lungs and Pleura-Incision-Biopsy of pleura, needle-Including Diagnostic aspiration	\$59.15
Z338	Lungs and Pleura-Excision-Biopsy of pleura or lung-With limited thoracotomy	\$202.80
Z340	Lungs and Pleura-Incision-biopsy of lung, needle	\$137.85
Z341	Lungs and Pleura-Incision-Closed drainage effusion or pneumothorax	\$76.80
Z342	Trachea and Bronchi-Limited bronchoscopy with placement of endobronchial blocker and/or double lumen tube	\$112.55
Z343	Larynx-Endoscopy-Direct-With dilatation of larynx, to include bronchoscopy if necessary	\$202.35
Z344	Trachea and Bronchi-Tracheo-Bronchial aspiration-First procedure	\$45.95
Z345	Trachea and Bronchi-Tracheo-Bronchial aspiration-Subsequent procedures performed by same physician	\$18.60
Z346	Trachea and Bronchi-Tracheo-Bronchial aspiration-Transtracheal aspiration	\$22.35

Fee Schedule Code	Descriptor	April 2020 Value
Z350	Accessory Nasal Sinuses-Endoscopic approach-Ethmoidectomy/antrostomy-Endoscopic sphenoidotomy-Unilateral	\$123.70
Z355	Trachea and Bronchi-Quadroscopy or panendoscopy-With or without biopsy (nasopharyngoscopy, laryngoscopy, bronchoscopy, oesophagoscopy with or without gastro-duodenoscopy) using separate instruments in search of malignant disease	\$321.45
Z356	Trachea and Bronchi-Tracheo-Bronchial aspiration-Closure of persistent tracheostoma	\$133.95
Z359	Trachea and Bronchi-Repeat bronchoscopy for tracheobronchial toilet when performed within one week of another bronchoscopic procedure	\$56.65
Z360	Trachea and Bronchi-Endoscopy-Bronchoscopy-Emergency rigid bronchoscopy for obstructed airway	\$474.65
Z361	Lungs and Pleura-Incision-Chronic indwelling pleural catheter for palliative management of malignant pleural effusion-Insertion of indwelling catheter	\$200.00
Z399	Oesophagus-Endoscopy-Oesophagoscopy-Gastroscopy, with or without duodenoscopy-Elective	\$92.50
Z400	Oesophagus-Endoscopy-Oesophagoscopy-Gastroscopy, with or without duodenoscopy-for active bleeding	\$125.10
Z515	Oesophagus-Endoscopy-Oesophagoscopy, with or without biopsy(ies)	\$68.25
Z524	Oral Cavity and Pharynx-Incision -Drainage of haematoma or deep neck abscess (external approach)	\$271.05
Z527	Stomach-Endoscopy-Gastroscopy-May include biopsies, photography and removal of polyps less than or equal to 1 cm	\$82.90

Fee Schedule Code	Descriptor	April 2020 Value
Z528	Gastroscopy-subsequent (within three months following previous gastroscopy)	\$67.85
Z547	Stomach-Endoscopy-Gastroscopy-With removal of foreign body	\$99.75
Z558	Biliary Tract-Endoscopy-Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP)-Including sphincterotomy and may include removal of one or more bile duct stones	\$300.25
Z561	Biliary Tract-Endoscopy-Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP)-With cannulation of common bile duct and/or pancreatic duct	\$213.15
Z584	Intestines (except rectum)-Endoscopy-Small bowel push enteroscopy	\$185.15
Z738	Trachea and Bronchi-Incision-Insertion of Montgomery "T" Tube or similar laryngeal or tracheal stent	\$216.10
Z741	Trachea and Bronchi-Incision-Tracheotomy	\$273.15
Z760	Biliary Tract-Endoscopy-Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP)-Through gastrojejunostomy following previous Billroth II	\$251.85

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