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Ministry of Health

Ministry of Long-Term Care

# Ontario Health Insurance Plan INFOBulletin

## Year 3 Increase: Blended Salary Model

**Permanent adjustments of the Year 1 and Year 2 increases will be effective April 1, 2023.**

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**To:** Blended Salary Model (BSM) Physicians

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The Ministry of Health and the Ontario Medical Association have been working together to implement physician compensation increases in accordance with the 2021 Physician Services Agreement (PSA).

The PSA provides for Year 1 and Year 2 compensation increases to be implemented as permanent adjustments to physician payments effective April 1, 2023. The permanent increase amounts vary according to relativity as outlined in the PSA. They are allocated to each section or physician grouping, as per page 6 of the Financial Agreement of the PSA.

## Blended Fee-For-Service (BFFS) Premium Increase

Effective April 1, 2023, BFFS premium payments will increase from 5% to 15% of the approved amount on all shadow-billed claims.

## Base Payment Increase

Effective April 1, 2023, the following payment elements under your funding agreement will be increased by 2% and will be reflected on your May 2023 Remittance Advice (RA):

- Base Payment
- Benefit Payment
- Locum Payment

## Hard Cap Threshold Increase

Effective April 1, 2023, the Fee-For-Service billing limits for core services provided

to non-enrolled patients (the Hard Cap) will be increased by 2.6186%.

## Deleted Fee Schedule Codes Effective April 1, 2023

Effective April 1, 2023, the following services have been delisted and removed from the basket of 'Excluded Codes' for the BSM patient enrolment models, including Income Stabilization physicians.

| Fee Code | Description                                                                                  |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| H400     | Emergency Department Sessional Fees-Sessions-Monday-Friday (other than holidays)-2000h-2400h |
| H401     | Emergency Department Sessional Fees-Sessions-Monday-Friday (other than holidays)-0000h-0400h |
| H402     | Emergency Department Sessional Fees-Sessions-Monday-Friday (other than holidays)-0400h-0800h |
| H403     | Emergency Department Sessional Fees-Sessions-Saturday, Sunday, Holidays-0000h-0400h          |
| H404     | Emergency Department Sessional Fees-Sessions-Saturday, Sunday, Holidays-0400h-0800h          |
| H405     | Emergency Department Sessional Fees-Sessions-Saturday, Sunday, Holidays-0800h-1200h          |
| H406     | Emergency Department Sessional Fees-Sessions-Saturday, Sunday, Holidays-1200h-1600h          |
| H407     | Emergency Department Sessional Fees-Sessions-Saturday, Sunday, Holidays-1600h-2000h          |
| H408     | Emergency Department Sessional Fees-Sessions-Saturday, Sunday, Holidays-2000h-2400h          |

## New Service Eligible for After-Hours

Effective April 1, 2023, the new service 'K133A-Periodic Health Visit for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities' is eligible for the after-hours premium when billed with a Q012A for enrolled patients.

## Fee Schedule Code Increases Effective April 1, 2023

Effective April 1, 2023, the Fee Schedule Master (FSM) will be updated to reflect new values for fee-for-service (FFS) codes as agreed to between the ministry and the OMA at the Physician Payment Committee (PPC). For more information, please see [INFOBulletin 230310](https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/ohip/bulletins/redux/bul230310.aspx) <<https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/ohip/bulletins/redux/bul230310.aspx>> .

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