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Year 3 Increase: Group Health Centre

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

To: Group Health Centre (GHC) Physicians**Category:** Primary Health Care Services, Physician Services**Written by:** Negotiations Branch, Physician and Provider Services Division**Date issued:** March 31, 2023**Bulletin Number:** 230322

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, Blended Fee-For-Service (BFFS) premium payments will increase from 10% to 15% of the approved amount on all shadow-billed claims.

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%.

New Fee Schedule Codes Effective April 1, 2023

Effective April 1, 2023, the following new services have been introduced. The services when billed with a 'C-Suffix' have been added to the basket of 'Excluded Codes' for the Group Health Centre patient enrolment model.

Fee Code	Description
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E182C	Strabismus procedures-Transposition of extraocular muscle to treat paretic or lost, damaged eye muscle
E183C	Strabismus procedures-superior oblique muscle (per muscle)
E184C	Strabismus procedures-inferior oblique muscle (per muscle)
E185C	Strabismus procedures-horizontal or vertical rectus muscle (per muscle)
M112C	Sternal debridement and rewiring with or without special mechanical instrumentation-as sole procedure
N291C	Nerve transfer-major-(mixed sensory and motor nerve, or pure motor nerve)
N293C	Nerve transfer-minor-(sensory/cutaneous nerve)
R102C	Level 1 oncoplastic breast conserving lumpectomy or partial mastectomy for malignancy
R158C	Level 2 oncoplastic breast conserving lumpectomy or partial mastectomy for malignancy
R159C	Level 3 oncoplastic breast conserving lumpectomy or partial mastectomy for malignancy
R740C	Left atrial appendage occlusion/excision by suture or device, Sole procedure
Z516C	Excision of first polyp (20 mm to 29 mm)
Z517C	Excision of first polyp (10 mm to 19 mm)
Z518C	Excision of first polyp (6 mm to 9 mm)
Z844C	Diagnostic Paracentesis for: 1) suspected intraocular infection; 2) intraocular inflammation / uveitis; or 3) suspected cancer involving the intraocular structures or fluids

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 Group Health Centre patient enrolment model.

Fee Code	Description
E158C	Retina and Extraocular Muscles-Repair-Strabismus procedures-Two muscles, one or both eyes
E159C	Strabismus procedure one muscle one or both eyes

E162C	Strabismus procedure-three or more muscles, one or both eyes
H400	Emergency Department Sessional Fees-Sessions-Mon-Fri (other than holidays)-2000h-2400h
H401	Emergency Department Sessional Fees-Sessions-Mon-Fri-Monday-Friday (other than holidays)-0000h-0400h
H402	Emergency Department Sessional Fees-Sessions-Mon-Fri-Monday-Friday (other than holidays)-0400)-0400h-0800h
H403	Emergency Department Sessional Fees-Sessions-Sat, Sun, 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
R849C	Dialysis-Haemodialysis-Initial and acute (includes both medical and surgical components)
R850C	Dialysis-Haemodialysis-Surgical component alone-Insertion of Scribner shunt
Z408C	Bone marrow core biopsy (with biopsy needle)
Z450C	Dialysis-Revision of Scribner shunt-Single
Z451C	Dialysis-Revision of Scribner shunt-Both
Z570C	Intestines (except rectum-)-Fulguration of first polyp through colonoscope

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](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/ohip/bulletins/redux/bul230310.aspx) <<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/ohip/bulletins/redux/bul230310.aspx>> .

Specialist Services

Effective April 1, 2023, the base salary amounts for Fera Medical Professional Corporation physician specialists will be increased by the approved percentage for each specialty classification. These increased payments will be reflected in your Monthly Transfer Payment as soon as possible.

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