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Year 3 Increase: Rural and Northern Physician Group Agreement

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

To: Rural and Northern Physician Group Agreement (RNPGA) Physicians-Groups 1 & 2

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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 9.65% of the approved amount on all shadow-billed claims.

New Services 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.

Effective April 1, 2023, the new service 'G552-Removal of intrauterine contraceptive device (IUD)' will pay Fee-For-Service (FFS) when billed with a Q022A where eligible.

Effective April 1, 2023, the following new services when billed with a 'B-Suffix' or 'C-Suffix' will pay [FFS](#) when billed with the Q022A where eligible:

Fee Code	Description
Z844	Diagnostic Paracentesis for: 1) suspected intraocular infection; 2) intraocular inflammation / uveitis; or 3) suspected cancer involving the intraocular structures or fluids
Z518	Excision of first polyp (6 mm to 9 mm)
E520	Excision of each additional polyp (6 mm to 9 mm)
Z517	Excision of first polyp (10 mm to 19 mm)
E519	Excision of each additional polyp (10 mm to 19 mm)
Z516	Excision of first polyp (20 mm to 29 mm)
E518	Excision of each additional polyp (20 mm to 29 mm)
R102	Level 1 oncoplastic breast conserving lumpectomy or partial mastectomy for malignancy
R158	Level 2 oncoplastic breast conserving lumpectomy or partial mastectomy for malignancy
R159	Level 3 oncoplastic breast conserving lumpectomy or partial mastectomy for malignancy
R740	Left atrial appendage occlusion/excision by suture or device, Sole procedure
Z352	Intrapleural administration of thrombolytic or fibrinolytic agent via thoracostomy tube (chest tube)
Z363	Removal of thoracostomy tube (chest tube)

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>>.

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