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Year 3 Increase: St. Joseph's Health Centre

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

To: St. Joseph's Health Centre (SJHC) Physicians**Category:** Primary Health Care Services, Physician Services**Written by:** Negotiations Branch, Physician and Provider Services Division**Date issued:** April 1, 2023**Bulletin Number:** 230331

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 10% 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 31% and will be reflected on your May 2023 Remittance Advice (RA):

- Base Payment

Fee-For-Service Threshold Increase

Effective April 1, 2023, the Fee-For-Service billing limits for core services provided to non-enrolled patients 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 'B-Suffix' or 'C-Suffix', as indicated, have been added to the basket of 'Excluded Codes' for the St. Joseph's Health Centre patient enrolment model.

Fee Code	Description
R102B R102C	Level 1 oncoplastic breast conserving lumpectomy or partial mastectomy for malignancy
R158B R158C	Level 2 oncoplastic breast conserving lumpectomy or partial mastectomy for malignancy
R159B R159C	Level 3 oncoplastic breast conserving lumpectomy or partial mastectomy for malignancy
R740B 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 St. Joseph's Health Centre patient enrolment model.

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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