

BULK BILLING TRANSITION PROJECT – IMPORTANT DATE CHANGES

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The Department of Health and Wellness and MSI have undertaken a project to align physician billing across Nova Scotia. This will move all physicians to electronic claims submissions.

This project involves key physician groups (Radiology, Internal Medicine and Pathology) who are receiving direct communications on the project. There will be, from time to time, important project updates shared in the MSI Bulletin & on the MSI website. www.medavie.bluecross.ca/msiprograms

Important update:

Throughout the Bulk Billing Transition project rollout, stakeholders have raised concerns regarding implementation timelines and technical requirements. Ongoing discussions have led to an agreement to extend the transition timelines for all groups.

The aim is to provide physicians with additional time to update and/or modify billing systems to meet the technical requirements for patient specific billing. It is the responsibility of the physician to determine the business process they will implement to submit claims in the required MSI patient specific format.

New transition dates:

Internal Medicine – new go live date **March 1, 2015**

Radiology – new go live date **April 1, 2015**

Pathology – new go live date **April 1, 2015**

As we continue with the transition to electronic billing, we will continue this important dialogue with all stakeholders. Project news and changes will continue to be shared with all impacted groups through the FAQ, emails and official bulletin updates.

There will be an opportunity in the coming weeks to engage in dialogue and address questions. Additional information on the stakeholder discussions will be shared soon.

We would welcome the opportunity to address any and all questions. Your questions can be forwarded by telephone 1-902-496-7011 or via e-mail at MSI_Assessment@medavie.bluecross.ca