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Notice to Physicians WCB fee revisions

NEW FEES

Effective June 15, 2015 the following new health service codes will be available for billing for services on or after June 15, 2015. For further details on WCB billing see the Physician's WCB Reference Guide at www.wcb.ns.ca/physicians.

Code	Description	Value
WCB26	Return to Work Report – Physician's Report Form 8/10 Billing Guidelines Can be billed with 03.04, comprehensive office visit, same service date for Return to Work Services. Can be billed as Long Term Benefits (LTB) Follow-up Report. Only required if there is a change in medical status or treatment. Not required for changes in medication. Can be billed with 03.03 or 03.03A office visit, same service date. Specialty Restriction GENP, EMMD	\$64.16
WCB27	Eye Report Billing Guidelines Only to be used on request of the WCB. Can be billed with an office visit, if needed, same service date. Specialty Restriction OPTH	\$56.25

MODIFIED FEES

Effective June 15, 2015 the following fees will be modified with the following information.

Code	Description	Modification
WCB12	Enhanced Physician Services (EPS) Return to Work Office Visit & Report. Billing Guidelines Can be billed with other WCB codes on the same service date. Multiples on initial visit only, max of 4 multiples paid at \$50 each. Specialty Restriction Can only be billed by EPS physician (RO=EPS1).	Added the following modifiers and updated the fees. RO=INTL.....\$171.24+MU RO=SUBS.....\$171.24

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MODIFIED FEES CONTINUED

Code	Description	Modification
WCB13	<p>WCB Requested Reports</p> <p>Billing Guidelines Only to be used on request of the WCB. Can be billed with other WCB codes on the same service date.</p>	<p>Updated to include different fee depending on type of physician.</p> <p>GPs.....\$41.82 per 15 min EPS (RO=EPS1).....\$50.00 per 15 min Specialists.....\$56.25 per 15 min</p>
WCB15	<p>Case conference and teleconferencing</p> <p>Billing Guidelines Can be billed with other WCB codes on the same service date. WCB case worker or medical advisor must be in attendance unless otherwise approved.</p>	<p>Updated to include different fee depending on type of physician.</p> <p>GPs.....\$41.82 per 15 min EPS (RO=EPS1).....\$50.00 per 15 min Specialists.....\$56.25 per 15 min</p>
WCB17	<p>Photocopies of chart notes</p> <p>Billing Guidelines Only to be used on request of the WCB. Can be billed with other WCB codes on the same service date.</p>	<p>Updated to include different fee depending on the size of the chart to be copied.</p> <p>10 pages or less (ME=UP10).....\$25.00 11-25 pages (ME=UP25).....\$50.00 26-50 pages (ME=UP50).....\$100.00 Over 50 pages (ME=OV50).....\$150.00</p>
WCB20	<p>Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS) Assessment Report</p> <p>Billing Guidelines Only to be used upon request of the WCB. Can be billed with an office visit if needed, same service date.</p> <p>Specialty Restriction GENP</p>	<p>Updated value to.....\$64.16</p>

DISCONTINUED FEES

Effective June 14, 2015 the following fees will be discontinued.

Code	Description
WCB11	Physician Assessment Service (replaced by 03.04 and WCB26)
WCB14	Chart Summaries / Written Reports (replaced by WCB13)
WCB16	Case Conferencing and Teleconferencing (EPS Physician) (replaced by WCB15)
WCB98	Second Opinion Consultation Specifically requested by WCB Regarding Back Surgery