

# PHYSICIAN'S BULLETIN

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## MSI News

### WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD MEDICAL SERVICE UNIT UPDATE

As per the contract between WCB and Doctors Nova Scotia, an annual escalator based on the Consumer Price Index has been applied to the listed WCB specific fees for fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17.

Due to the increase in CPI for fiscal year April 1st, 2015 - March 31st, 2016 any of the WCB specific services listed below provided over this time will have their values retroactively increased by 1.74%. Physicians will be remunerated for the outstanding value of any services rendered over this period via a onetime payment in Spring 2017.

Also due to the further increase in CPI for fiscal year April 1st, 2016- January 26th, 2017 any of the WCB specific services listed below provided over this time will have their values retroactively increased by a cumulative 2.137% (1.74% for 2015-2016, 0.39% for 2016-2017). Physicians will also be remunerated for the outstanding value of any services rendered over this period via a one-time payment in Spring 2017.

CODE	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
WCB12	EPS physician assessment Service. Combined office visit and completion of Form 8/10  For complex <b>initial</b> assessments exceeding 50 minutes, EPS physicians may bill additional 15 minute increments to a maximum of 1 additional hour	<b>Initial visit:</b> \$174.93 + \$51.11 per 15 minutes to a maximum 4x (RO=EPS1 and RP=INTL)  <b>Subsequent visit:</b> \$174.93 (RO=EPS1 and RP=SUBS)
WCB13	Chart Summaries / Written Reports. Detailed reports billed in 15-minute intervals - plus multiples, if applicable	GPs.....\$42.72 per 15 min EPS(RO=EPS1)\$51.11 per 15 min Specialists.....\$57.49 per 15 min
WCB15	Case Conferencing and Teleconferencing (Treating Physician) Conferencing billed by the Treating Physician - plus multiples, if applicable	GPs.....\$42.72 per 15 min EPS(RO=EPS1)\$51.11 per 15 min Specialists.....\$57.49 per 15 min
WCB17	Photocopies of Chart Notes	10 pgs or less (ME=UP10)...\$25.56 11-25 pgs (ME=UP25).....\$51.11 26-50 pgs (ME=UP50)..... \$102.17 Over 50 pgs (ME=OV50)...\$153.25
WCB20	Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS) Assessment Report	\$65.56
WCB21	Follow-up visit report	\$38.33
WCB22	Completed Mandatory Generic Exemption Request Form	\$12.80 per form
WCB23	Completed Non-Opioid Special Authorization Request Form	\$12.80 per form
WCB24	Completed Opioid Special Authorization Request Form	\$42.96 per form
WCB25	Completed WCB Substance Abuse Assessment Form	\$28.62
WCB26	Return to Work Report – Physician's Report Form 8/10	\$65.56
WCB27	Eye Report	\$57.49
WCB28	Comprehensive Visit for Work Related Injury or Illness	\$65.96



## NON-RESIDENT PHYSICIAN LICENSE

Physicians licensed in Nova Scotia as “non-resident physicians” are asked to notify the MSI Provider Coordinators ([msiproviders@medavie.ca](mailto:msiproviders@medavie.ca)) when they return to ensure all billing arrangement numbers are active. This will avoid delay in processing their billings while working in Nova Scotia. MSI will no longer be notified by the College when a physician holding a non-resident license returns to Nova Scotia to provide medical services through MSI

## **Fees** New Fees and Highlighted Fees

### FEE CHANGES

Effective January 27, 2017 the following health service code will no longer be active:

Category	Code	Description	Base Units
VADT	09.01B	Ophthalmic tests – plus multiples, if applicable	1 MSU

## **Billing Matters** Billing Reminders, New Explanatory Codes

### BILLING REMINDERS

#### MRI Repeat Sequence

Physicians are reminded that a repeat sequence code cannot be submitted until after the matching base MRI code has been submitted.

#### Hypnotherapy

Effective April 1, 2017 physicians practicing hypnotherapy must provide proof of current Full Membership in the Canadian Federation of Clinical Hypnosis (CFCH) to bill hypnotherapy. These credentials can be forwarded to [MSI\\_Assessment@medavie.bluecross.ca](mailto:MSI_Assessment@medavie.bluecross.ca) for review. It has been a longstanding requirement that physicians practicing hypnotherapy require appropriate training equivalent to that provided by the Nova Scotia Society of Clinical Hypnosis. This society no longer exists and membership in the CFCH ensures practitioners are appropriately trained to provide this service.

## NEW AND UPDATED EXPLANATORY CODES



Code	Description
AN005	CONSECUTIVE ANAESTHETIST CLAIMS CANNOT BE PROCESSED UNTIL AFTER THE FIRST ANAESTHETIST CLAIM HAS BEEN SUBMITTED. AS PER PREAMBLE 5.2.52
BK053	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED AS A REPEAT SEQUENCE CAN ONLY BE CLAIMED AFTER THE MATCHING BASE MULTISECTION MRI FEE IS CLAIMED FOR THE SAME OCCURRENCE. PLEASE CLAIM THE BASE FEE FOR THIS MRI BEFORE SUBMITTING THE REPEAT SEQUENCE CLAIM.
GN051	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED AS A SERVICE OCCURRENCE ONE (1) HAS NOT BEEN CLAIMED FOR THIS DAY BY THIS PHYSICIAN.
GN087	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED AS YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BILLED HSC 68.95B AT THE SAME ENCOUNTER.
MA071	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED AS HSC 01.34A, 68.83A, 68.95C, 68.99A OR 68.99C HAS ALREADY BEEN BILLED AT THE SAME ENCOUNTER.
MJ056	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN DISALLOWED AS YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BILLED HEALTH SERVICE CODE 68.95B FOR THIS PATIENT AT THE SAME ENCOUNTER. PLEASE SUBMIT A REASSESS (ACTION CODE R) ALONG WITH THE OR REPORT TO AID IN THE ASSESSMENT OF YOUR CLAIM.
MJ057	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN DISALLOWED AS YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BILLED HEALTH SERVICE CODE 68.0A FOR THIS PATIENT AT THE SAME ENCOUNTER. PLEASE SUBMIT A REASSESS (ACTION CODE R) ALONG WITH A COPY OF THE OPERATIVE REPORT TO AID IN THE ASSESSMENT OF YOUR CLAIM
PC034	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN DISALLOWED AS YOU DO NOT HAVE APPROVAL TO BILL FOR THIS SERVICE. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE HYPNOTHERAPY TO MSI.
RF006	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED. CLAIMED UNIT VALUE IS NOT PAYABLE RE AGE OF PATIENT, RESUBMIT WITH CORRECT UNIT AMOUNT.
VA074	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED AS ONLY ONE FEE FOR EITHER HSC 09.41E, 09.41F OR 09.41G SHOULD BE CLAIMED PER PATIENT PER DAY.
VA075	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED AS YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BILLED HSC 09.41D AT THE SAME ENCOUNTER WHICH INCLUDES THIS PROCEDURE.
VA076	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED AS HSC 09.41A, 09.41B OR 09.41H HAS ALREADY BEEN BILLED AT THE SAME ENCOUNTER AND IS A COMPONENT OF THIS PROCEDURE.





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## UPDATED FILES

Updated files reflecting changes are available for download on Friday January 27, 2017. The files to download are health service (SERVICES.DAT), health service description (SERV\_DESC.DAT) and, explanatory codes (EXPLAIN.DAT).

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## HELPFUL LINKS

### NOVA SCOTIA MEDICAL INSURANCE (MSI)

<http://msi.medavie.bluecross.ca/>

### NOVA SCOTIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS

[www.novascotia.ca/dhw/](http://www.novascotia.ca/dhw/)

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

### NOVA SCOTIA MEDICAL INSURANCE (MSI)

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### NOVA SCOTIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Phone: 902-424-5818

Toll-Free: 1-800-387-6665 (in Nova Scotia)

TTY/TDD: 1-800-670-8888

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\* Please note that the 2017 cut-off dates have been updated.

## 2017 CUT-OFF DATES FOR RECEIPT OF PAPER AND ELECTRONIC CLAIMS



PAPER CLAIMS	ELECTRONIC CLAIMS	PAYMENT DATE	SALARY CONTRACT PAY PERIOD
<b>December 21, 2016**</b>	<b>December 28, 2016**</b>	January 4, 2017	December 16-29, 2016
January 9, 2017	January 12, 2017	January 18, 2017	December 30-January 12, 2017
January 23, 2017	January 26, 2017	February 1, 2017	January 13-26, 2017
February 6, 2017	February 9, 2017	February 15, 2017	January 27-February 9, 2017
<b>February 17, 2017**</b>	February 23, 2017	March 1, 2017	February 10-23, 2017
March 6, 2017	March 9, 2017	March 15, 2017	February 24-March 9, 2017
March 20, 2017	March 23, 2017	March 29, 2017	March 10-23, 2017
April 3, 2017	April 6, 2017	April 12, 2017	March 24-April 6, 2017
April 17, 2017	April 20, 2017	April 26, 2017	April 7-20, 2017
May 1, 2017	May 4, 2017	May 10, 2017	April 21-May 4, 2017
<b>May 12, 2017**</b>	<b>May 17, 2017**</b>	May 24, 2017	May 5-18, 2017
May 29, 2017	June 1, 2017	June 7, 2017	May 19-June 1, 2017
June 12, 2017	June 15, 2017	June 21, 2017	June 2-15, 2017
June 26, 2017	<b>June 28, 2017**</b>	July 5, 2017	June 16-29, 2017
July 10, 2017	July 13, 2017	July 19, 2017	June 30-July 13, 2017
July 24, 2017	July 27, 2017	August 2, 2017	July 14-27, 2017
August 4, 2017	August 10, 2017	August 16, 2017	July 28-August 10, 2017
August 21, 2017	August 24, 2017	August 30, 2017	August 11-24, 2017
<b>September 1, 2017**</b>	September 7, 2017	September 13, 2017	August 25-September 7, 2017
September 18, 2017	September 21, 2017	September 27, 2017	September 8-21, 2017
<b>September 29, 2017*</b>	<b>October 4, 2017**</b>	October 11, 2017	September 22-October 5, 2017
October 16, 2017	October 19, 2017	October 25, 2017	October 6-19, 2017
October 30, 2017	November 2, 2017	November 8, 2017	October 20-November 2, 2017
November 13, 2017	November 16, 2017	November 22, 2017	November 3-16, 2017
November 27, 2017	November 30, 2017	December 6, 2017	November 17-30, 2017
December 11, 2017	December 14, 2017	December 20, 2017	December 1-14, 2017
<b>December 20, 2017**</b>	<b>December 27, 2017**</b>	January 3, 2018	December 15-28, 2017
<b>11:00 AM CUT OFF</b>	<b>11:59 PM CUT OFF</b>		

### NOTE:

Though we will strive to achieve these goals, it may not always be possible due to unforeseen system issues. It is advisable not to leave these submissions to the last day.

Each electronically submitted service encounter must be received, processed and accepted by 11:59 p.m. on the cut-off date to ensure processing for that payment period.

Paper Claims include: Psychiatric Activity Reports, Rural Providers' Emergency on Call Activity Reports, Sessional Payments and Locum Claim Forms. Manual submissions must be received in the Assessment Department by 11:00 a.m. on the cut-off date to ensure processing for that payment period.

**PLEASE NOTE, THE \*\* INDICATES A DATE VARIATION**



## HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2017



Please make a note in your schedule of the following dates MSI will accept as “Holidays.”

NEW YEAR'S DAY	MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2017
HERITAGE DAY	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017
GOOD FRIDAY	FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017
EASTER MONDAY	MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017
VICTORIA DAY	MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017
CANADA DAY	MONDAY, JULY 3, 2017
CIVIC HOLIDAY	MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2017
LABOUR DAY	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2017
THANKSGIVING DAY	MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017
REMEMBRANCE DAY	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017
CHRISTMAS DAY	MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2017
BOXING DAY	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2017
NEW YEAR'S DAY	MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018

