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NEW INTERIM FEES (2015-2019 MASTER AGREEMENT)

Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy (MBCT)

As of August 25, 2017 eligible services can now be submitted for dates of service July 28, 2017 onward. Physicians have 90 days from the date of this Bulletin to submit these claims. Please contact MSI directly for detailed instructions on how to submit these outdated eligible services.

PLEASE NOTE: Physicians eligible to claim this code are restricted to PSYC trained in MBCT or GENP trained in group psychotherapy and MBCT. Credentials must be submitted to MSI directly. Once MSI receives a physician's credentials and grants approval, the physician will be permitted to claim for this fee after the next system update. **Once the physician has contacted MSI with their credentials, the physician is advised to hold their claims until the next system update.**

Category	Code	Description	Base Units
PSYC	08.44A	Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy (MBCT) Group therapy fee per patient per two hour session (minimum 8 to maximum 12 patients per group) MBCT is defined as a specific psychological intervention incorporating elements of cognitive behavioural therapy and mindfulness. This fee is for each two hour session of the eight week MBCT course provided for a group of 8 to 12 patients with recurrent episodes of depression. Billing Guidelines Fee is per patient, per two hour session. Session dates and start/stop times must be documented in the health record of each participant. One series of 8 sessions per patient per 365 days.	14.3MSU

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		<p>Additional fees may be charged to the patient for non-billable services such as the provision of course materials and for the services of a privately paid non-MD therapist if applicable.</p> <p>Specialty restriction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GENP with approval from MSI. • PSYC with approval from MSI. <p>Physicians approved to report this HSC will be required to provide proof that they have completed a minimum five day intensive training in MBCT for MBCT providers within the last five years (for example, a seven day retreat in Mind-Body Medicine from the Centre for Mindfulness in Medicine, Health Care and Society or equivalent), and attest to an ongoing personal mindfulness practice.</p> <p>GENP will, in addition to the above, need to provide evidence of training in the provision of group psychotherapy from a recognized training program and of ongoing practice in mental health and group therapy. PSYC are considered to have had training in the provision of group psychotherapy through their respective residency programs.</p> <p>Start and stop time to be documented in health record; however session outline and activities are standardized to be completed in 2 hours.</p> <p>Location LO=OFFC, HOSP, OTHR</p>	

INTERIM FEES MADE PERMANENT

Effective August 25, 2017, the following interim fees have been made permanent.

Category	Code	Description	Base Units	Anaes Units
MASG	65.59D	<p>Total Abdominal Wall Reconstruction with myofascial advancement flaps</p> <p>This is a comprehensive fee for the repair of a massive, complex abdominal wall hernia. The procedure includes the reduction of the hernia, all lysis of adhesions, and bowel resection as required, removal of pre-existing mesh as required, rectus muscle mobilization, fascial bipartition with component separation, with or without placement of mesh or biologic graft, and skin excision. Operative report and record of operation must be submitted with billing claim.</p> <p>Billing Guidelines Not to be billed with lysis of adhesions, bowel resection or any other intra-abdominal procedure same patient same day. Payment calculated based on "skin to skin" operating time as documented in the record of operation.</p> <p>Please note that as per the July 2014 bulletin, the operative report and record of operation must be submitted with the billing claim.</p> <p>Specialty Restriction GNSG, PLAS</p> <p>Location HOSP</p>	IC at 130 MSU per hour	8+T



NEW AND UPDATED EXPLANATORY CODES

Code	Description
AN006	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED AS THE CONSECUTIVE ANAESTHETIC HEALTH SERVICE CODE CLAIMED DOES NOT MATCH FIRST ANAESTHETIC HEALTH SERVICE CODED. PLEASE RESUBMIT USING THE CORRECT HEALTH SERVICE CODE.
GN096	PRE PAYMENT REVIEW. PLEASE SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION TO FURTHER ASSIST IN ASSESSING THIS CLAIM.
GN097	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN DISALLOWED. ENSURING THE FUNCTIONAL INTEGRITY OF VITAL STRUCTURES DURING A SURGICAL PROCEDURE IS INCLUDED IN THE SURGICAL HSC.
GN098	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN DISALLOWED. THERE WAS NO SEPARATE AND DISTINCT SURGICAL SERVICE. THE HSC CLAIMED WAS PART OF ANOTHER PAID SERVICE ENCOUNTER.
MA072	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED AS HSC 03.12 WAS BILLED AT THE SAME ENCOUNTER AND IS A COMPONENT OF THIS PROCEDURE.
NR086	REQUEST FOR READJUDICATION HAS BEEN REFUSED. DELETE THIS SUBMISSION AND SUBMIT A NEW SERVICE ENCOUNTER BASED ON THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE PROVIDED.
PC035	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED AS THE MAXIMUM OF 8 SESSIONS FOR MINDFULNESS BASED COGNITIVE THERAPY IN A 365 DAY PERIOD HAS BEEN REACHED.
PP024	SERVICES PROVIDED BY A NON-PHYSICIAN ARE NOT INSURED. (EX. CHIROPRACTOR, PHYSIOTHERAPIST, PAC-PHYSICIANS ASSISTANT, PODIATRIST, NURSE PRACTITIONER).
VA080	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED AS HSC 27.72, 27.72B, 27.73, 27.73A OR 27.73B WAS BILLED AT THE SAME ENCOUNTER AND INCLUDES THIS PROCEDURE.
VA081	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN DISALLOWED AS A CLAIM FOR 51.95 RP=INTL HAS ALREADY BEEN CLAIMED FOR THIS PATIENT.
VT152	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN DISALLOWED AS THE TEXT DOES NOT WARRANT PAYMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE VISIT, PLEASE RESUBMIT AS A LIMITED VISIT.



UPDATED FILES

Updated files reflecting changes are available for download on Friday August 25, 2017. The files to download are health service (SERVICES.DAT), health service description (SERV_DESC.DAT) and, explanatory codes (EXPLAIN.DAT).

HELPFUL LINKS

NOVA SCOTIA MEDICAL INSURANCE (MSI)

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

NOVA SCOTIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS

www.novascotia.ca/dhw/

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