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HIGHLIGHTED FEES

Provincial Immunization Changes

Effective September 22, 2017, the following immunization health service codes have been revised:

HSC	Modifier	Description
13.59L	RO=MMAR	MMR - Measles, Mumps, Rubella Vaccine <u>Billing Guidelines</u> This vaccine can only be billed if the first and second doses are given at least 4 weeks apart, and if the patient was born after January 1, 1970. If the 2 nd injection is given within this 4 week period, the claim will be refused. Patient can only receive 2 doses per lifetime. Non-immune postpartum women are eligible to receive extra dose(s) as necessary. An explanation for the additional dose(s) must be added to the text field of the claim.
13.59L	RO=MENC	Men-C-C – Meningococcal conjugate <u>Billing Guidelines</u> This vaccine cannot be billed if the patient's birthdate is before January 1, 2004. Patients are eligible between 12 months to less than 5 years of age. An explanation for the addition of a high risk modifier must be added to the text field of the claim.





BILLING REMINDERS

Catheter Insertion (HSC 69.94)

Physicians are reminded that HSC 69.94; insertion of indwelling urinary catheter, should only be claimed as a stand-alone procedure. Physicians may only claim for insertion of a catheter when they have personally performed the service. Preamble Rule 1.1.19 states "All insured services claimed must reflect services rendered personally by the physician in an appropriate clinical setting." Therefore these health service codes may not be claimed when they are carried out by another health care provider such as a nurse, nurse practitioner or X-Ray technologist as part of their usual duties. Text will be required on all claims explaining the reason why the physician had to personally perform the catheter insertion.

Electromyography or Nerve Conduction Studies (HSC 07.08A, 07.08B, 07.08C)

Physicians are reminded the above codes are used when the appropriate studies are performed as part of a diagnostic work-up. It is not appropriate to use these codes as proxies for intraoperative nerve integrity testing. Such testing is considered an integral part of surgical procedures performed near vital nerve structures.

Anaesthesia Modifier Clarification

Reminder on the intended use of Controlled Hypotension CO=CHYO:

The use of controlled hypotension is intended for longer cases with excessive bleeding to minimize blood loss and reduce the need for transfusions provided there are no contraindications for this technique. Also it is intended for specific cases in order to optimize surgical view. MSI requires explanatory text when claiming for controlled hypotension.

NEW AND UPDATED EXPLANATORY CODES

Code	Description
AD074	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED AS PATIENT IS 5 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER.
AD075	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN DISALLOWED AS TEXT IS REQUIRED INDICATING THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL DOSES OF THE MMAR VACCINE.
MA073	CLAIM FOR RADICAL NECK DISSECTION HAS BEEN REFUSED AS IT IS NOT PAYABLE AT THE SAME ENCOUNTER AS A GLOSSECTOMY, PAROTIDECTOMY OR FLOOR OF MOUTH TUMOUR CODES. COMPOSITE FEES EXIST THAT SHOULD BE USED INSTEAD.
MA074	CLAIM FOR GLOSSECTOMY, PAROTIDECTOMY OR FLOOR OF MOUTH TUMOUR HAS BEEN REFUSED AS IT IS NOT PAYABLE AT THE SAME ENCOUNTER AS A RADICAL NECK DISSECTION. COMPOSITE FEES EXIST THAT SHOULD BE USED INSTEAD.
MA075	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED AS YOUR SPECIALTY IS NOT APPROVED TO BILL THIS SERVICE. IF THE EXPLORATION OF A PERIPHERAL NERVE HAS BEEN DONE AS A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT PROCEDURE, THE SERVICE CAN BE SUBMITTED AS EC WITH TEXT AND INCLUDE THE OPERATIVE REPORT WHICH WILL BE REVIEWED PRIOR TO PAYMENT.
VT153	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN DISALLOWED AS AN URGENT VISIT APPLIES WHEN A PHYSICIAN TRAVELS TO SEE A REGISTERED INPATIENT AT THE REQUEST OF HOSPITAL STAFF. PREAMBLE 5.1.54. RESUBMIT WITH TEXT STATING THE NECESSITY OF THE SERVICE AND TRAVEL DETAILS.



UPDATED FILES

Updated files reflecting changes are available for download on Friday September 22, 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/>

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