

Notice to Physicians

COVID-19 UPDATE

As announced in the March 18, 2020 MSI Bulletin, effective March 13, 2020, health service code 03.03X is available for billing on an interim basis for telephone management and telehealth management for presumptive/confirmed Covid-19 diagnosis as well as routine/interval care during the pandemic.

[March 18, 2020 Physician's Bulletin](#)

As announced in the March 24, 2020 MSI Bulletin, effective March 13, 2020 on an interim basis all office-based non-procedural services that are normally rendered in a face to face setting will be permitted to be reported whether they are performed in person, by telephone, via telehealth network, or via PHIA compliant virtual care platform.

[March 24, 2020 Physician's Bulletin](#)

Both Bulletins state that these services are only reportable when the communication is rendered personally by the physician reporting the service is not reportable if the service is delegated to another professional such as a:

- Nurse Practitioner
- Resident in training
- Clinical Fellow
- Medical Student

Update:

Effective March 13, 2020, the services announced in the March 24 bulletin may be claimed if performed by a resident including a licensed post graduate medical trainee (e.g. PGY-6 or PGY-7) under the direct supervision of a physician. The clinical record must indicate that they were supervised as well as the name of the supervising physician. The supervising physician must be onsite at the time the resident renders the service and additionally must be immediately available to render assistance.

The physician may claim for either the resident's services or his/her own, but not both, if they are performed at the same time.

For clarity, health service code 03.03X can only be claimed when rendered personally by the physician and not when provided by a resident.

Neither health service code 03.03X nor the services announced on March 24 may be claimed when rendered by another health care provider such as a nurse or nurse practitioner.

*All services are only eligible to be claimed when rendered by a physician currently physically located in Nova Scotia.