

PHYSICIAN'S BULLETIN

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Notice to Physicians

INCOME STABILIZATION PROGRAM RECONCILIATION & TRAVEL/EXPOSURE PAYMENTS

The DHW and MSI are currently working on the Income Stabilization Program payment reconciliation and isolation payments. The target payment date for any funding owed to physicians is December 30, 2020. If you participated in the program, you will be receiving a letter regarding your reconciliation.

TRAVEL/EXPOSURE FUNDING PROGRAM END DATE

Effective December 3, 2020, the travel/exposure funding program has ended. This program provided funding to those approved physicians who were required to self-isolate as a result of travel and/or exposure while at work during the Pandemic.

VIRTUAL CARE FEE CODE UPDATE

Effective December 31, 2020, the Telephone Management and Telehealth Management for presumptive/confirmed COVID-19 as well as routine/interval care during pandemic (HSC 03.03X) will no longer be available for billing.

All office based non-procedural services that are normally rendered in a face to face setting will still be permitted to be reported whether they are provided in person, by telephone, via telehealth network, or via a PHIA compliant virtual care platform as outlined in the [March 24, 2020 Physicians Bulletin](#).

2021 CUT-OFF DATES FOR RECEIPT OF PAPER AND ELECTRONIC CLAIMS

Please see below, the 2021 cut-off dates for receipt of paper and electronic claims, as well as the 2021 Holiday dates.

2020/2021 MASTER AGREEMENT PROGRAM PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Please see below, the anticipated incentive payment timelines for the 2020/2021 fiscal year.

2021 CUT-OFF DATES FOR RECEIPT OF PAPER AND ELECTRONIC CLAIMS

PAPER CLAIMS	ELECTRONIC CLAIMS	PAYMENT DATE	SALARY CONTRACT PAY PERIOD
January 4, 2021	January 7, 2021	January 13, 2021	December 25, 2020-January 7, 2021
January 18, 2021	January 21, 2021	January 27, 2021	January 8-21, 2021
February 1, 2021	February 4, 2021	February 10, 2021	January 22-February 4, 2021
February 12, 2021	February 18, 2021	February 24, 2021	February 5-18, 2021
March 1, 2021	March 4, 2021	March 10, 2021	February 19-March 4, 2021
March 15, 2021	March 18, 2021	March 24, 2021	March 5-18, 2021
March 26, 2021**	March 31, 2021**	April 7, 2021	March 19-April 1, 2021
April 12, 2021	April 15, 2021	April 21, 2021	April 2-15, 2021
April 26, 2021	April 29, 2021	May 5, 2021	April 16-29, 2021
May 10, 2021	May 13, 2021	May 19, 2021	April 30-May 13, 2021
May 21, 2021**	May 27, 2021	June 2, 2021	May 14-27, 2021
June 7, 2021	June 10, 2021	June 16, 2021	May 28-June 10, 2021
June 21, 2021	June 24, 2021	June 30, 2021	June 11-24, 2021
July 5, 2021	July 8, 2021	July 14, 2021	June 25-July 8, 2021
July 19, 2021	July 22, 2021	July 28, 2021	July 9-22, 2021
July 30, 2021**	August 5, 2021	August 11, 2021	July 23-August 5, 2021
August 16, 2021	August 19, 2021	August 25, 2021	August 6-19, 2021
August 30, 2021	September 1, 2021**	September 8, 2021	August 20-September 2, 2021
September 13, 2021	September 16, 2021	September 22, 2021	September 3-16, 2021
September 27, 2021	September 30, 2021	October 6, 2021	September 17-30, 2021
October 8, 2021**	October 14, 2021	October 20, 2021	October 1-14, 2021
October 25, 2021	October 28, 2021	November 3, 2021	October 15-28, 2021
November 5, 2021**	November 11, 2021	November 17, 2021	October 29-November 11, 2021
November 22, 2021	November 25, 2021	December 1, 2021	November 12-25, 2021
December 6, 2021	December 9, 2021	December 15, 2021	November 26-December 9, 2021
December 17, 2021**	December 22, 2021**	December 29, 2021	December 10-23, 2021
January 3, 2022	January 6, 2022	January 12, 2022	December 24-January 6, 2022
11:00 AM CUT OFF	11:59 PM CUT OFF		

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

2021 HOLIDAY DATES

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

NEW YEAR'S DAY	FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021
HERITAGE DAY	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2021
GOOD FRIDAY	FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021
EASTER MONDAY	MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021
VICTORIA DAY	MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021
CANADA DAY	THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2021
CIVIC HOLIDAY	MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021
LABOUR DAY	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2021
THANKSGIVING DAY	MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021
REMEMBRANCE DAY	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021
CHRISTMAS DAY	MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2021
BOXING DAY	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2021
NEW YEAR'S DAY	MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022

Master Agreement - Program Payment Schedule (2020/21)

Program	Payment *
EMR (Envelope "A" Payments) EMR Envelope "A" payments continue monthly to eligible physicians	Monthly
CME (GP & Specialist) Payment for 2019/20 fiscal year (eligible billings based on 2019 calendar year)	Issued by May 31, 2020
CDM, CGA (Eligible APP Physicians) Payment based on eligible shadow billings from April 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020	Issued by July 31, 2020
CMPPA Premium Reimbursement Covering April - June 2020	Issued by August 31, 2020
Electronic Medical Records (EMR – B&C) Payments for 2019/20 Fiscal Year	Issued by August 31, 2020
Family Physician Alternative Payment Plan 5.6% Incentive	Issued by August 31, 2020
Surgical Assist Payments Payment based on eligible billings from April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020	Issued by September 30, 2020
CDM, CGA (Eligible APP Physicians) Payment based on eligible shadow billings from July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020	Issued by October 31, 2020
Collaborative Practice Incentive Program Payments for 2019/20 Fiscal Year	Issued by October 31, 2020
CMPPA Premium Reimbursement Covering July -September 2020	Issued by December 31, 2020
Rural Specialist Incentive Program Measurement period April 1 st , 2019 – March 31 st , 2020 / Payment for 2020/21 fiscal year	Issued by December 31, 2020
CDM, CGA (Eligible APP Physicians) Payment based on eligible shadow billings from October 2020 – December, 2020	Issued by January 31, 2021
CMPPA Premium Reimbursement Covering October -December 2020	Issued by March 31, 2021
CDM, CGA (Eligible APP Physicians) Payment based on eligible shadow billings from January 2021 – March, 2021	Issued by April 30, 2021
CMPPA Premium Reimbursement Covering January - March 2021	Issued by May 31, 2021

*Please be advised payment dates noted are the anticipated payments for these programs.