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NEW INTERIM FEE

Effective November 25, 2022 the following interim health service code is available for billing:

Category	Code	Description	Base Units	Anae Units
MASG	26.29F	Glaucoma surgery (such as stent insertion) ab interno approach, for the relief of intraocular pressure Description This fee is for the surgical treatment of glaucoma via the ab interno approach for procedures such as stent insertion Billing Guidelines: May be claimed once per eye per surgical encounter Not billable with the following MASG codes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 26.25 – Trabeculectomy on an eye with a previous major ocular procedure with or without post op laser suture lysis• 26.25D – Trabeculectomy with the use of anti-metabolites with or without post op laser suture lysis• 26.29D – Trabeculectomy• 26.29E – Placement of glaucoma tube shunt• 26.34 – Trabeculectomy ab externo Modifiers (regions required): RG=RIGT, RG-LEFT, RG=BOTH Premium Eligible: Yes Specialty Restriction: SP=OPHT Location: LO=HOSP	175 MSU	6+T

FEE UPDATES

Effective November 25, 2022 the following health service code value has increased from \$25.00 to \$40.00:

Category	Code	Description	Payment Rate
DEFT	C9999	<p>A medical assessment form completed for a patient on behalf of community services (COM) is to be forwarded to community services. The service encounter is submitted electronically to MSI.</p> <p>The same HSC is used when the 'Request for Essential Medical Treatments' form is completed for a patient on behalf of community services. Once completed, the form will be delivered to the assigned caseworker by the patient.</p> <p>The appropriate health service code is C9999, with the payment responsibility COM and diagnostic code Z99, i.e., community services.</p> <p>The health service code is claimed at 40 units, however in this case the payment rate is remunerated at one dollar (\$1.00) per unit for a total of \$40.00</p> <p>Any patient over the age of 65 years of age does not qualify for this service.</p>	40



Billing Matters Billing Reminders, Updates, New Explanatory Codes

Facility on Call

Yarmouth Ophthalmology rota is no longer billable as a Category 1 (HSC F1014).

Yarmouth Ophthalmology is available as Category 2 (HSC F2014) *Must meet the established [Nova Scotia Facility On-Call Program Guidelines](#) for a level 2 rota.

NEW AND UPDATED EXPLANATORY CODES

Code	Description
MJ086	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED AS HSC 26.29F MAY ONLY BE CLAIMED ONCE PER EYE PER SURGICAL ENCOUNTER
MJ087	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED AS HSC 26.25, 26.25D, 26.29D, 26.29E OR 26.34 HAS ALREADY BEEN CLAIMED AT THE SAME ENCOUNTER
MJ088	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED AS HSC 26.29F HAS ALREADY BEEN CLAIMED AT THE SAME ENCOUNTER





UPDATED FILES

Updated files reflecting changes are available for download on Friday November 25, 2022. The files to download are: Health Service (SERVICES.DAT), Health Service Description (SERV_DSC.DAT), and Explanatory Codes (EXPLAIN.DAT).

CONTACT INFORMATION

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NOVA SCOTIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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(In Nova Scotia)
TTY/TDD: 1-800-670-8888

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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2023 CUT-OFF DATES FOR RECEIPT OF PAPER AND ELECTRONIC CLAIMS

PAPER CLAIMS	ELECTRONIC CLAIMS	PAYMENT DATE	SALARY CONTRACT PAY PERIOD
December 30, 2022**	January 5, 2023	January 11, 2023	December 23, 2022-January 5, 2023
January 16, 2023	January 19, 2023	January 25, 2023	January 6-19, 2023
January 30, 2023	February 2, 2023	February 8, 2023	January 20-February 2, 2023
February 10, 2023**	February 15, 2023**	February 22, 2023	February 3-16, 2023
February 27, 2023	March 2, 2023	March 8, 2023	February 17-March 2, 2023
March 13, 2023	March 16, 2023	March 22, 2023	March 3-16, 2023
March 27, 2023	March 30, 2023	April 5, 2023	March 17-30, 2023
April 10, 2023	April 13, 2023	April 19, 2023	March 31-April 13, 2023
April 24, 2023	April 27, 2023	May 3, 2023	April 14-27, 2023
May 8, 2023	May 11, 2023	May 17, 2023	April 28-May 11, 2023
May 19, 2023**	May 25, 2023	May 31, 2023	May 12-25, 2023
June 5, 2023	June 8, 2023	June 14, 2023	May 26-June 8, 2023
June 19, 2023	June 22, 2023	June 28, 2023	June 9-22, 2023
June 30, 2023**	July 6, 2023	July 12, 2023	June 23-July 6, 2023
July 17, 2023	July 20, 2023	July 26, 2023	July 7-20, 2023
July 28, 2023**	August 2, 2023**	August 9, 2023	July 21-August 3, 2023
August 14, 2023	August 17, 2023	August 23, 2023	August 4-17, 2023
August 25, 2023**	August 30, 2023**	September 6, 2023	August 18-31, 2023
September 11, 2023	September 14, 2023	September 20, 2023	September 1-14, 2023
September 22, 2023	September 27, 2023**	October 4, 2023	September 15-28, 2023
October 6, 2023**	October 12, 2023	October 18, 2023	September 29-October 12, 2023
October 23, 2023	October 26, 2023	November 1, 2023	October 13-26, 2023
November 3, 2023**	November 8, 2023**	November 15, 2023	October 27-November 9, 2023
November 20, 2023	November 23, 2023	November 29, 2023	November 10-23, 2023
December 4, 2023	December 7, 2023	December 13, 2023	November 24-December 7, 2023
December 14, 2023**	December 19, 2023**	December 27, 2023	December 8-21, 2023
December 29, 2023**	January 4, 2024**	January 10, 2024	December 22, 2023-January 4, 2024
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

2023 HOLIDAY DATES

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

NEW YEAR'S DAY	MONDAY, JANUARY 2 2023
HERITAGE DAY	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023
GOOD FRIDAY	FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023
EASTER MONDAY	MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023
VICTORIA DAY	MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023
CANADA DAY	MONDAY, JULY 3, 2023
CIVIC HOLIDAY	MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023
LABOUR DAY	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2023
NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION	MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023
THANKSGIVING DAY	MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2023
REMEMBRANCE DAY	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023
CHRISTMAS DAY	MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023
BOXING DAY	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2023
NEW YEAR'S DAY	MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024