

PHYSICIAN'S BULLETIN

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Notice to Physicians

INTERIM FEE REFERENCE GUIDE

Physicians are advised that a new document is available on the MSI website. The Interim Fee Reference Guide (PDF) provides all current interim fees. Interim fees are established in certain circumstances with approval from the Department of Health and Wellness. When a health service code is assigned to an interim fee, it is published in the MSI Physician's Bulletin. If an interim fee is terminated or made permanent, it will be removed from the guide and updated in the MSI Physician's Bulletin and/or Physician's Manual as applicable.

PHYSICIAN'S MANUAL

Applicable updates in the Physician's Bulletin's will now be reflected in the Physician's Manual within 3 weeks; however, it may be necessary to refer to Physician's Bulletins for additional detailed information and any billing clarifications or reminders.

Billing Reminders and Updates

Update

NON-FACE-TO-FACE SERVICES DURING PANDEMIC

As noted in the March 4, 2022 Physician's Bulletin, eligible dates of service for non-face-to-face services provided by telephone, via telehealth network or via PHIA compliant virtual care platforms were extended to March 31, 2023. The use of the temporary codes for virtual care are being extended for six additional months to **September 30, 2023**. Physicians will be provided with adequate notice of future changes.

Physicians are reminded of the Policy for Provision of Publicly Funded Virtual Health Services:
<https://novascotia.ca/dhw/publications/Provision-of-Publicly-Funded-Virtual-Health-Services.pdf>

To ensure appropriate tracking of virtual services, physicians are reminded of the modifiers and the importance of their use on claims, AP=PHON and AP=VIRC to denote when the service was conducted via telephone or PHIA compliant virtual care video platform.

Reminder

ROLE MODIFIER

Physicians are reminded that when applicable, the ROLE modifier must be used to denote your role/function performed at the service encounter, e.g., RO=ANAE anaesthetist or RO=SRAS surgical assistant.



UPDATED FILES

There are no updated files for download on Friday March 17, 2023.

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