

# PHYSICIAN'S BULLETIN

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## NEW FEES

Effective May 1, 2023 the following health service code is available for billing:

Code	Modifier	Description	Base Units
13.59L	RO=MPOX	<b>Imvamune – Vaccine for active immunization against mpox, smallpox, or other replicating orthopoxviruses.</b>  <b>Description</b> Third generation smallpox vaccine, produced from the Modified Vaccinia Ankara-Bavarian Nordic strain of orthopoxvirus. Approved for active immunization against smallpox, monkeypox, and related orthopox infections.  <b>Billing Guidelines:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2-dose series with 28 days between first and second dose</li><li>• Patient must be 18 years of age and older</li><li>• May be used off-label in those &lt;18 years</li><li>• 2 doses per lifetime</li></ul> Can be administered as pre-exposure prophylaxis to those who meet the high-risk eligibility criteria, or, if directed by public health, as post-exposure prophylaxis to those who meet the high-risk exposure criteria as outlined <a href="#">here</a> (under interim guidance for pre-exposure prophylaxis or interim guidance for post-exposure prophylaxis, respectively). Cannot be administered in those with suspected or confirmed mpox.  Eligible for tray fee (13.59M) when applicable.	6 MSU

## NEW FEES CONTINUED

Effective May 26, 2023 the following health service codes are available for billing:

Category	Code	Description	Base Units
VEDT	99.82A	<p><b>Supervision of Photodynamic Therapy by Dermatologist - per patient per week in the office setting wherein the dermatologist is responsible for payment of the technician's salary in addition to the purchase and maintenance of phototherapy equipment.</b></p> <p><b>Description</b> This comprehensive weekly fee is for the management and supervision of patients receiving phototherapy by the attending dermatologist. The physician should be available for consultation for these treatments and adjust the time and dosage of treatment as necessary. The patients must be directly assessed in a face-to-face visit by the physician at a minimum of every four weeks and the results of this assessment be documented in the health record. No additional visit fees may be claimed for the same diagnosis, same patient, same physician throughout the period during which this comprehensive fee is claimed. This fee applies to the private office setting in which the physician is responsible for payment of the technician's salary in addition to the purchase and maintenance of the phototherapy equipment.</p> <p><b>Billing Guidelines:</b> May not be claimed with any other visit fee for the same diagnosis, same physician, same patient, same time period.</p> <p><b>Specialty Restriction:</b> SP=DERM</p> <p><b>Location:</b> LO=OFFC</p>	25 MSU
VEDT	99.82B	<p><b>Supervision of Photodynamic Therapy by Dermatologist - per patient per week in the hospital outpatient setting wherein the dermatologist is not responsible for payment of the technician's salary or the purchase and maintenance of phototherapy equipment.</b></p> <p><b>Description</b> This comprehensive weekly fee is for the management and supervision of patients receiving phototherapy by the attending dermatologist. The physician should be available for consultation for these treatments and adjust the time and dosage of treatment as necessary. The patients must be directly assessed in a face-to-face visit by the physician at a minimum of every four weeks and the results of this assessment be documented in the health record. No additional visit fees may be claimed for the same diagnosis, same patient, same physician throughout the period during which this comprehensive fee is claimed. This fee applies to the hospital outpatient setting in which the physician is not responsible for payment of the technician's salary or the purchase and maintenance of the phototherapy equipment.</p> <p><b>Billing Guidelines:</b> May not be claimed with any other visit fee for the same diagnosis, same physician, same patient, same time period.</p> <p><b>Specialty Restriction:</b> SP=DERM</p> <p><b>Location:</b> LO=HOSP (outpatient)</p>	10 MSU

## NEW FEES CONTINUED

Effective May 26, 2023 the following health service code is available for billing from DGH (Facility 65)

Health Service Code	Description	Weekday	Weekend/Holidays (DA=RGE1)	Approved Regional and Tertiary Hospitals
F1017	Facility on Call Category 1 - Otolaryngology	\$300	\$400	Dartmouth General Hospital

## FEE UPDATES

Effective February 1, 2023 HSC FCHP1 is now available to bill from Inverness Consolidated (Facility 34)

Health Service Code	Description	Weekday	Weekend/Holidays (DA=RGE1)	Approved Regional and Tertiary Hospitals
FCHP1	Facility on Call – Community Hospital Inpatient Program	\$300	\$400	Strait-Richmond Hospital, Northside General Hospital, Fishermans Memorial Hospital, Soldiers Memorial Hospital, Queens General Hospital, Roseway Hospital, New Waterford Consolidated Hospital, Inverness Consolidated Hospital

Effective May 26, 2023 the following health service codes have been expanded for specialties SP=INMD and SP=RSMD to be claimable from locations 'office' and 'other'

Category	Code	Description	Base Units
VEDT	03.38C	<b>Interpretaton of Spirometry Pre and Post Bronchodilator</b>  <b>Location:</b> LO=HOSP, LO=OFFC, LO=OTHR	10 MSU
BULK	I1110	<b>Simple Spirometry</b>  <b>Location:</b> LO=HOSP, LO=OFFC, LO=OTHR	5 MSU
BULK	I1140	<b>Flow/Volume Loops</b>  <b>Location:</b> LO=HOSP, LO=OFFC, LO=OTHR	5 MSU



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## INTERIM FEE UPDATES

The following interim health service codes have been extended to September 30, 2023:

- 03.09K – Specialist Telephone Advice – Consultant Physician – providing advice
- 03.09L – Specialist Telephone Advice – Referring Physician – requesting advice
- 03.03R – Family Physician Telephone Management/Follow-up with Patient
- 03.03Q – Specialist Telephone Management/Follow-up with Patient

The following interim health service code has been extended to December 31, 2023:

- 47.25C – Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI)

Please see the [Interim Fee Reference Guide](#) for full billing guidelines



### Billing Matters Billing Reminders, Updates, New Explanatory Codes

#### **Master Agreement – Program Payment Schedule 2023-24**

Please see attached the Master Agreement Program Payment Schedule for the 2023-24 fiscal year for anticipated payment dates. These payments are deposited through an electronic funds transfer. If you do not already have a CMPA Business Arrangement set up to receive these deposits, you may fill out the [MSI Provider Business Arrangement Form](#) with a void cheque and email to [msiproviders@medavie.ca](mailto:msiproviders@medavie.ca) or fax to 902-469-4674.

The Department of Health and Wellness (through MSI) will continue to provide reimbursement of all eligible Canadian Medical Protective Association (CMPA) fees directly to physicians. Payments will be issued on a quarterly payment schedule, however due to the low cost of protection for the 2023 calendar year, physicians may not meet the criteria for the rebate, or may only qualify during one measurement period.

Should you have any questions regarding your CMPA rebate, please contact: [CMPA@medavie.ca](mailto:CMPA@medavie.ca)

#### **Physician's Manual**

Applicable updates in the Physician's Bulletin's will 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.

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## NEW AND UPDATED EXPLANATORY CODES

Code	Description
AD092	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED AS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MPOX INJECTIONS HAS BEEN REACHED
AD093	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED AS A CLAIM FOR 13.59L RO=MPOX HAS BEEN APPROVED IN THE PREVIOUS 28 DAYS
BK064	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN DISALLOWED AS YOU HAVE NOT INCLUDED TEXT REFERRING TO THE INSPIRED PROGRAM. PLEASE RESUBMIT WITH APPROPRIATE TEXT.



Code	Description
VE041	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED. YOU MAY NOT CLAIM A VISIT AND 99.82A OR 99.82B WITH THE SAME DIAGNOSIS WITHIN THE SAME WEEK
VE042	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED AS YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BILLED HEALTH SERVICE CODE 99.82A OR 99.82B FOR THIS PATIENT IN THE PREVIOUS WEEK
VE043	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN DISALLOWED AS YOU HAVE NOT INCLUDED TEXT REFERRING TO THE INSPIRED PROGRAM. PLEASE RESUBMIT WITH APPROPRIATE TEXT.
VT179	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED. YOU MAY NOT CLAIM A VISIT AND 99.82A OR 99.82B WITH THE SAME DIAGNOSIS WITHIN THE SAME WEEK



**In every issue** Helpful links, contact information, events and news, updated files

### UPDATED FILES

Updated files reflecting changes are available for download on Friday May 26, 2023. The files to download are:  
Health Service (SERVICES.DAT), Health Service Description (SERV\_DSC.DAT), Modifiers (MODVALS.DAT) Explanatory Codes (EXPLAIN.DAT) and (UNQNUUSER.DAT).

### CONTACT INFORMATION NOVA SCOTIA MEDICAL INSURANCE (MSI)

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### NOVA SCOTIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Phone: 902-424-5818  
Toll-Free: 1-800-387-6665  
(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/](http://www.novascotia.ca/dhw/)

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## Master Agreement - Program Payment Schedule (2023/24)

Program	Payment*
<b>EMR (Envelope A Payments)</b> EMR Envelope "A" payments continue monthly to eligible physicians	Monthly
<b>CME (GP &amp; Specialist)</b> Payment for 2022/23 fiscal year (eligible billings based on 2022 calendar year)	Issued by May 31, 2023
<b>CDM, CGA (Eligible APP Physicians)</b> Payment based on eligible shadow billings from April 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023	Issued by July 31, 2023
<b>CMPA Premium Reimbursement</b> Covering April - June 2023	Issued by August 31, 2023
<b>Electronic Medical Records (EMR - B&amp;C)</b> Payments for 2022/23 fiscal year	Issued by August 31, 2023
<b>Family Physician Alternative Payment Plan 5.6% Incentive</b>	Issued by September 30, 2023
<b>Surgical Assist Payments</b> Payment based on eligible billings from April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023	Issued by September 30, 2023
<b>CDM, CGA (Eligible APP Physicians)</b> Payment based on eligible shadow billings from July 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023	Issued by October 31, 2023
<b>Collaborative Practice Incentive Program</b> Payments for 2022/23 Fiscal Year	Issued by October 31, 2023
<b>CMPA Premium Reimbursement</b> Covering July - September 2023	Issued by December 31, 2023
<b>Rural Specialist Incentive Program</b> Measurement period April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023	Issued by December 31, 2023
<b>CDM, CGA (Eligible APP Physicians)</b> Payment based on eligible shadow billings from October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023	Issued by January 31, 2024
<b>CMPA Premium Reimbursement</b> Covering October – December 2023	Issued by March 31, 2024
<b>CDM, CGA (Eligible APP Physicians)</b> Payment based on eligible shadow billings from January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024	Issued by April 30, 2024
<b>CMPA Premium Reimbursement</b> Covering January – March 2024	Issued by May 31, 2024

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