

# PHYSICIAN'S BULLETIN

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## FEE UPDATES

Physicians are advised that the US=UNOF modifier is not eligible when submitting AP=PHON/VIRC encounters. Nursing home visits have been updated to utilize the AP=PHON/VIRC modifiers without the US=UNOF modifier.

**As a reminder, virtual visits are not eligible for prolonged/multiples.**

## INTERIM FEE EXTENSIONS

The following interim fees have been extended:

- 15.93D - Removal or Revision of Intracranial Neurostimulator Electrodes (SEEG)
- 47.25C - Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI)
- 66.98E - Percutaneous Insertion of Tunneled Intraperitoneal Catheter for use in dialysis
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- 03.03Y - Post operative care – gender affirming chest surgery
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- 97.44A - Feminization of chest wall | Prior Approval/Preauthorization required (PA)
- 97.79B - Masculinization of the chest wall | Prior Approval/Preauthorization required (PA)
- 97.99B - Revision of gender affirming chest surgery | Prior Approval/Preauthorization required (PA)

For full guidelines, please see the [Interim Fee Reference Guide \(PDF\)](#)



### UPDATED FILES

Updated files reflecting changes are available for download on Friday November 24, 2023. The files to download are: Health Service (SERVICES.DAT), Health Service Description (SERV\_DSC.DAT) and Explanatory Codes (EXPLAIN.DAT).

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### 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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## 2024 CUT-OFF DATES FOR RECEIPT OF PAPER AND ELECTRONIC CLAIMS

PAPER CLAIMS	ELECTRONIC CLAIMS	PAYMENT DATE	CONTRACT PAY PERIOD
<b>December 29, 2023**</b>	January 4, 2024	January 10, 2024	December 22, 2023-January 4, 2024
January 15, 2024	January 18, 2024	January 24, 2024	January 5-18, 2024
January 29, 2024	February 1, 2024	February 7, 2024	January 19-February 1, 2024
<b>February 9, 2024**</b>	<b>February 14, 2024**</b>	February 21, 2024	February 2-15, 2024
February 26, 2024	February 29, 2024	March 6, 2024	February 16-29, 2024
March 11, 2024	March 14, 2024	March 20, 2024	March 1-14, 2024
<b>March 22, 2024**</b>	<b>March 27, 2024**</b>	April 3, 2024	March 15-28, 2024
April 8, 2024	April 11, 2024	April 17, 2024	March 29-April 11, 2024
April 22, 2024	April 25, 2024	May 1, 2024	April 12-25, 2024
May 6, 2024	May 9, 2024	May 15, 2024	April 26-May 9, 2024
<b>May 17, 2024**</b>	May 23, 2024	May 29, 2024	May 10-23, 2024
June 3, 2024	June 6, 2024	June 12, 2024	May 24-June 6, 2024
June 17, 2024	June 20, 2024	June 26, 2024	June 7-20, 2024
<b>June 28, 2024**</b>	July 4, 2024	July 10, 2024	June 21-July 4, 2024
July 15, 2024	July 18, 2024	July 24, 2024	July 5-18, 2024
<b>July 26, 2024**</b>	<b>July 31, 2024**</b>	August 7, 2024	July 19-August 1, 2024
August 12, 2024	August 15, 2024	August 21, 2024	August 2-15, 2024
<b>August 23, 2024**</b>	<b>August 28, 2024**</b>	September 4, 2024	August 16-29, 2024
September 9, 2024	September 12, 2024	September 18, 2024	August 30-September 12, 2024
<b>September 20, 2024**</b>	<b>September 25, 2024**</b>	October 2, 2024	September 13-26, 2024
<b>October 4, 2024**</b>	<b>October 9, 2024**</b>	October 16, 2024	September 27-October 10, 2024
October 21, 2024	October 24, 2024	October 30, 2024	October 11-24, 2024
<b>November 1, 2024**</b>	<b>November 6, 2024**</b>	November 13, 2024	October 25-November 7, 2024
November 18, 2024	November 21, 2024	November 27, 2024	November 8-21, 2024
December 2, 2024	December 5, 2024	December 11, 2024	November 22-December 5, 2024
<b>December 12, 2024**</b>	<b>December 18, 2024**</b>	<b>December 24, 2024**</b>	December 6-19, 2024
<b>December 24, 2024**</b>	January 2, 2025	January 8, 2025	December 20-January 2, 2025
<b>11:00 AM CUT OFF</b>	<b>11:59 PM CUT OFF</b>		

**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**

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## 2024 HOLIDAY DATES

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

NEW YEAR'S DAY	MONDAY, JANUARY 1 2024
HERITAGE DAY	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024
GOOD FRIDAY	FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024
EASTER MONDAY	MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024
VICTORIA DAY	MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024
CANADA DAY	MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024
CIVIC HOLIDAY	MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024
LABOUR DAY	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2024
NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024
THANKSGIVING DAY	MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024
REMEMBRANCE DAY	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024
CHRISTMAS DAY	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2024
BOXING DAY	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2023
NEW YEAR'S DAY	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025