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NEW FEE

Due to implementation of a new shingles immunization program for individuals 65+, the following service is effective May 28, 2025:

Category	Code	Description	Base Units
ADON	13.59L	Provincial Immunization RO=SHVV Shingles Vaccine program eligibility for individuals 65 years and older as a 2-dose vaccine series.	6 MSU

INTERIM FEE UPDATE

Effective May 23, 2025 the guidelines for TPR1 have been clarified:

Category	Code	Description	Base Units
DEFT	TPR1	Telephone Prescription Renewal Description This service is billable by a family physician when the physician is requested by a patient to communicate a prescription renewal by telephone, fax, or email <u>with no requirement to see the patient for an in-person visit.</u> Billing Guidelines <ul style="list-style-type: none">Documentation on the patient's chart <u>must indicate that this service was initiated at the patients request.</u> The drug, dose, and amount prescribed must be documented. <u>These can be done in the form of a visit note and must be retrievable upon request.</u>This HSC is not to be billed for writing new prescriptions.This HSC may not be billed if the physician <u>bills</u> a visit with the patient (face to face or virtually) on the same day.May not be billed more than 4 times per year per patient per provider. Specialty Restriction: SP=GENP	4 MSU



LONG TERM CARE CGA1 REMINDER

Physicians are reminded when billing for the LTC CGA, the CGA requires one direct service encounter with the resident by the physician on the date of the final completion and signing of the CGA form. Prior to claiming the CGA fee, the physician must review, complete, and sign the CGA form in the long-term care facility on the date of the final CGA service encounter and place a note in the resident's clinical record (progress notes) corroborating that the CGA has been completed. (Preamble 5.1.168)

INTERIM FEE REFERENCE GUIDE

Physicians are reminded of the [Interim Fee Reference Guide \(PDF\)](#) available on the MSI website, which provides a comprehensive list of all current interim fees.

NEW AND UPDATED EXPLANATORY CODES

Code	Description
AD099	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED AS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SHVV INJECTIONS HAS BEEN REACHED.



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Helpful links, contact information, events and news, updated files

UPDATED FILES

Updated files reflecting changes are available for download on Friday May 23, 2025. The files to download are:
Health Service (SERVICES.DAT),
Health Service Description (SERV_DSC.DAT),
Modifiers (MODVALS.DAT) and
Explanatory Codes (EXPLAIN.DAT).

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HELPFUL LINKS

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