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NEW FEES

Effective **October 15, 2025** the following health service code is available for billing:

Category	Code	Description	Base Units
ADON	13.59L	Beyfortus – passive immunization for the prevention of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) RO=RSVM (PT=RISK)	6 MSU
Description Monoclonal antibody indicated for the prevention of RSV lower respiratory tract disease in neonates and infants during their first RSV season and high-risk children up to 24 months who remain vulnerable to RSV disease through their second RSV season.			
Billing Guidelines <u>Universal</u> Single 50mg or 100mg (weight-based) dose for infants aged less than 8 months at the time of immunization, and during the defined RSV season* *RSV season may vary year to year. For 2025-26, the season is October 15, 2025 – April 30, 2026.			
<u>High Risk</u> – must indicate high-risk. Up to 300mg** over the child's first two RSV seasons for infants aged less than 24 months who meet the high-risk criteria outlined in the Nova Scotia's Publicly Funded Vaccine/Immunoglobulin Eligibility Policy . <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50mg or 100mg (weight-based) given during the first RSV season.• 200mg given during the second RSV season (100mg dose may be used at clinical discretion for children weighing less than 10kg). Total of up to 300mg lifetime dose if high-risk, refer to the Canadian Immunization Guide for high-risk dosing considerations.			
Follows provincial immunization guidelines outlined in 5.3.26 and 5.3.33.			

Category	Code	Description	Base Units
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doses administered outside of the defined season will not be reimbursed. • Doses administered to individuals aged 8 months and older will not be reimbursed without text indicating high-risk. • Doses administered to individuals aged 24 months and older will not be reimbursed. <p>Additional Resources:</p> <p>RSV Infant Immunization Information for Health Care Professionals</p> <p>Vaccine Eligibility for High Risk Conditions</p> <p>Nirsevimab Storage and Handling Requirements</p>	

FEE UPDATES

Effective September 5, 2025 health service code has been updated:

Category	Code	Description	Base Units
ADON	13.59L	<p>Provincial Immunization – Respiratory Syncytial Virus Vaccine for older adults RO=RSVV (PT=RISK)</p> <p>Description Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Vaccine for the following adults who did not previously receive one:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults 75 years and older • Adults 60 years and older residing in licensed long-term care facilities. • Hospital inpatients 60 years and older who are awaiting placement in long term care. <p>Billing Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum 1 lifetime dose regardless of indication • Universal: Adults aged 75 years and older • High Risk: (must include text to indicate high-risk) Minimum 60 years of age residing in licensed long-term care facilities and those minimum 60 years of age hospital inpatients who are awaiting placement. <p>Follows provincial immunization guidelines outlined in 5.3.26 and 5.3.33.</p>	6 MSU

Tray Fees are permitted with both RO=RSVM and RO=RSVV as per the guidelines outlined in 5.3.33 of the Physicians Manual:

When a physician has incurred the cost of supplies when administering an immunization covered by the provincial program, a tray fee can be claimed for each injection. There is to be no charge to the patient or family for the supplies and/or disposables associated with any of these immunizations.



EXPLANATORY CODES

Sometimes claims are rejected due to errors with the health card being submitted. This can be a result of entry errors, or an invalid health card number (HCN). When a claim is rejected, there will be an error code attached explaining why the claim was not paid. The full list of explanatory codes can be found in Appendix I in the Physicians Manual.

In an attempt to make the error clearer for physicians, the following new explain codes have been developed:

Code	Description	Error
ED130	Patient health card number is missing and cannot be 000 000 000.	This code is a result of the health card number field being blank or zero filled. Please check your submission and submit a new claim with the proper health card number.
ED131	Patient health card number submitted was not recognized by MSI; please check number for errors.	This code is a result of the health card number attached to the claim does not exist. I.e., the number submitted is incorrect and is not a recognized health card number.
ED132	Ineligible patient health card number. Patient did not have MSI coverage on the date of service, please contact patient.	This code is a result of the patient not having coverage on the date of service. This means that it is a valid health card number, however the patient does not have MSI coverage on the date of service. You will need to contact to patient to determine appropriate payment.



Billing Matters Billing Reminders, Updates, New Explanatory Codes

MEDICAL EDUCATION PRECEPTING 5% RETRO PAYMENT

Physicians are advised that the 5% retro payment covering the period of September 15, 2023 – February 14, 2025 will be issued on the October 1, 2025 payment for physicians that completed an application for the options: lump sum based on TESP dates, Flat rate based on 20 days/year, flat rate on longer core rotations, and PRAP physicians. The retro will be issued onto your CMPA Business Arrangement under the adjustment 'Medical Education.'

Physicians that chose the detailed report (actuals) option will receive their retro at a later date once DHW has completed the review and calculations.

If you have any questions on the 5% retro, please send an email to physicianagreement@novascotia.ca, incentives@doctorsns.ca and msi_assessment@medavie.bluecross.ca and the appropriate party to assist with your enquiry will reach out.

C1001 – COMMUNITY ON CALL FOR CEC PHYSICIANS

Physicians are advised the current facilities eligible for C1001 are: • Annapolis Community Health Centre • South Cumberland Community Centre • All Saint's Hospital • North Cumberland Memorial • Twin Oaks Memorial • Musquodoboit Valley Memorial • Baddeck: Victoria County Memorial • Cheticamp: Sacred Heart Community Health Centre • Guysborough: Guysborough Memorial • Neils Harbour: Buchanan Memorial • Tatamagouche: Lillian Fraser Memorial • Eastern Shore Memorial.



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.

NEW AND UPDATED EXPLANATORY CODES

Code	Description
AD102	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED AS CLAIMS FOR THE RSVM IMMUNIZATION FOR PATIENTS GREATER THAN 8 MONTHS OF AGE REQUIRE PT=RISK. PLEASE RESUBMIT WITH THE APPROPRIATE MODIFIERS.
AD104	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT INJECTION FOR RO=RSVM REQUIRES PT=RISK. PLEASE RESUBMIT WITH THE APPROPRIATE MODIFIERS.
AD105	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED. NO MORE THAN 2 DOSES DURING A SINGLE SEASON MAY BE CLAIMED.
AD106	SERVICE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN REFUSED AS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF RSVM INJECTIONS HAS BEEN REACHED.



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

UPDATED FILES

Updated files reflecting changes are available for download on Thursday September 25, 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

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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