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TO: ALL FEE-FOR-SERVICE PHYSICIANS

RE: EXTENSION OF PANDEMIC VIRTUAL CARE ASSESSMENT AND PANDEMIC VIRTUAL CARE FEE CODES FOR CONSULTANTS

In consultation with the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association, the Department of Health and Community Services is extending the availability of the Pandemic Virtual Care Assessment (PVCA) code for family physicians as well as the Pandemic Virtual Care Fee Codes for Consultants (PVCCC) **beyond October 1, 2020**.

These fee codes are temporary fee codes for virtual care provided by physicians during the coronavirus pandemic. They can be billed for services delivered by telephone or video conferencing. These services provide an alternative to an in-person visit when such alternatives are appropriate. Both physician and patient may meet virtually in a physical location of their choosing as long as both parties are located within Newfoundland and Labrador. For more information on virtual fee codes, please review the following newsletters for consultants and family physicians, respectively: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/hcs/files/mcp-providers-mcp-newsletters-newsletter-20-09.pdf> and <https://www.gov.nl.ca/hcs/files/mcp-providers-mcp-newsletters-newsletter-20-10.pdf>.

HCS will provide a minimum of thirty days' notice prior to the deactivation of these fee codes.

A remarks code is required **in the remarks code field** when submitting a claim for the above services. Please enter remarks code 48 **in the remarks code field** when using a telephone for the patient encounter and remarks code 49 **in the remarks code field** when a video conferencing application is used.

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