

mcp newsletter

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TO: FEE-FOR-SERVICE OBSTETRICIANS/GYNECOLOGISTS

RE: TRANSITION-RELATED SURGICAL (TRS) READINESS ASSESSMENTS

In consultation with the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association, the Department of Health and Community Services (HCS) is adding fee codes 150 and 450 (Transition-Related Surgical Readiness Assessment) to the Consultations and Visits: Obstetrics and Gynecology and Gynecological Oncology: Office and Hospital Out-Patient and Emergency sections of the MCP Medical Payment Schedule. This change allows eligible obstetricians/gynecologists to bill for TRS Readiness Assessments. In addition, HCS has introduced the bolded changes below to Section 7.38 of the Payment Schedule. These changes are effective for services provided on or after March 13, 2024. MCP will accept payment for late claims for these services provided by Obstetricians/Gynecologists from March 13, 2024 up until November 8, 2024. Any claims for services submitted ninety days after the service date should be submitted by November 8, 2024 and should include the following comment to facilitate payment: "late claim approved as per MCP newsletter 24-11".

7.38 Transition-Related Surgical Readiness Assessment

The Transition-Related Surgical (TRS) Readiness Assessment is a comprehensive fee code that may include multiple visits in order to make a recommendation for insured TRS procedures. Recommended content of the surgical readiness assessment is available at [Transition-Related Surgery Coverage - Health and Community Services \(gov.nl.ca\)](#).

A TRS Readiness Assessment is payable to the family physician, **obstetrician/gynecologist** or psychiatrist who possess the minimum credentials for mental health professionals who work with adults presenting with gender dysphoria. These credentials are **also** available at [Transition-Related Surgery Coverage - Health and Community Services \(gov.nl.ca\)](#) (see **Surgical Readiness Assessor Certification and Recommendation**).

For further information on billing TRS Readiness Assessments, please see the [Payment Schedule](#) and [MCP newsletter 20-06](#). Further information on TRS Coverage for MCP beneficiaries is also available at [Transition-Related Surgery Coverage - Health and Community Services \(gov.nl.ca\)](#) as well as [MCP newsletter 22-15](#).

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