

mcp newsletter

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TO: FEE-FOR-SERVICE RADIOLOGISTS

RE: DIGITAL BREAST TOMOSYNTHESIS

In consultation with the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association, the Department of Health and Community Services (HCS) is adding fee codes 70521 and 70523 to existing fee codes for diagnostic mammography in the Radiology [General Radiology (Chest)] section of the MCP Medical Payment Schedule as below. These fee codes represent physician services associated with digital breast tomosynthesis technology used when clinically indicated with diagnostic mammography. Please be advised that digital breast tomosynthesis is not payable when provided as part of a screening mammography program or otherwise when used with screening mammograms. The fee code is effective for services provided on or after September 19, 2024.

70520	Mammography	- unilateral.....	19.36
70521		- with tomosynthesis.....	add 15.81
70522		- bilateral	30.79
70523		- with tomosynthesis.....	add 31.62
70525	Screening mammography program.....		30.79

Note: Fee code 70525 should be claimed for screening mammograms performed as part of the screening program established by HCS. All other mammograms should continue to be billed as either fee code 70520 or 70522. **Fee codes 70521 and 70523 cannot be added to screening mammograms or other diagnostic tests.**

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