

mcp newsletter

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TO: FEE-FOR-SERVICE FAMILY PHYSICIANS

RE: HOLIDAY DATES FOR FEE CODE 139 – 2025

Fee Code 139 was introduced to recognize Family Physicians who open their offices for regularly scheduled clinics on weekday evenings, weekends, and Holidays and thus relieve demands placed on hospital emergency departments. When a Family Physician holds a clinic on a day when a Holiday is observed and that date differs from the legal date, fee code 139 can be claimed in addition to the applicable office fee codes on the observed date.

The table below lists the dates which are considered Holidays for the purpose of claiming fee code 139.

Government Holidays	Day of Week	Observed Date
New Year's Day	Wednesday	January 1
St. Patrick's Day	Monday	March 17
Good Friday	Friday	April 18
St. George's Day	Monday	April 21
Victoria Day	Monday	May 19
June Holiday*	Monday	June 23*
Memorial Day	Tuesday	July 1
Orangeman's Day	Monday	July 14
Grand Falls-Windsor Day (GFW location only)**	Monday	July 21**
Royal St. John's Regatta Day (St. John's location only)**	Wednesday	July 30**
Labour Day	Monday	September 1
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation***	Tuesday	September 30***
Thanksgiving Day	Monday	October 13
Remembrance Day	Tuesday	November 11
Christmas Day	Thursday	December 25
Boxing Day	Friday	December 26

***Consultations are ongoing with respect to the June Holiday.**

****Or the day on which the Civic Holiday is actually held.**

*****Consultations are ongoing with respect to the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.**

The following rules apply with respect to claiming fee code 139:

- Fee code 139 can be billed by Family Physicians who see patients in regular scheduled clinics between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight on weekdays, weekends, or **observed** Holidays.
- Family Physicians who practice outside St. John's & Grand Falls-Windsor may only bill fee code 139 for patients seen in regular scheduled clinics between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight on July 21, 2025 and July 30, 2025. Start time for the patient encounter must be entered on the record of service.
- It can only be billed in addition to Family Medicine fee codes 101, 111, 112, 114, 118, 121, 122, 123, 124, 126, 127, 131, 132, 136.
- Fee code 139 is **not payable** when special visit codes 50, 52 or 53 are claimed.
- To document this code for services rendered, the start time for the patient encounter must be entered on the record of service. For weekends and Holidays, the date of service is sufficient.

Queries concerning claims submission should be directed to Ms. Beverley Pelley, Claims Processing Manager. Ms. Pelley can be contacted by telephone at (709) 292-4013, toll free at 1-800-440-4405 or by email at BeverleyPelley@gov.nl.ca.