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TO: ALL FEE-FOR-SERVICE PHYSICIANS

RE: COVID-19 IMMUNIZATION FEE CODES

COVID-19 immunization fee codes continue to be available until further notice.

Physicians administering COVID-19 vaccines should review provincial guidance and other important resources available at [Time For The Shot - Government of Newfoundland and Labrador](#).

Please see below for an update on billing guidance when a COVID-19 vaccine is administered with other vaccines as per [Newsletter 25-11](#) as well as updated guidance for paper documentation of COVID-19 immunization.

54661	COVID-19 immunization; visit fee and/or fee code 54000 not payable in addition	17.16
54662	COVID-19 immunization add-on to office visit	Add 10.00

Billing Requirements for COVID-19 Immunization:

1) Billing rules when a visit is for **immunization(s) only**:

- a) visit for **COVID-19 immunization only** – claim one unit of fee code 54661;
- b) visit for **COVID-19 immunization AND influenza immunization** – claim one unit of 54661 (COVID-19 immunization) and one unit of 54656 (“Each additional injection”).
- c) visit for **COVID-19 immunization AND one or more of insured adult immunizations (i.e. Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR); Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis; pneumococcal disease (Pneu-C-20), and shingles)** – claim the applicable units of 54648 (“Adult immunization for target populations as described in Appendix D”). COVID and/or influenza immunizations in this situation should be billed as the applicable units (i.e. one or two units) of 54656.

For further information on insured adult immunizations (i.e. MMR, tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis, Pneu-C-20, and shingles), please see [Newsletter 25-11](#).

2) Billing rules for a **visit for assessment and immunization(s)**:

a) visit for **assessment AND COVID-19 immunization** – When a patient presents to a physician's office for a visit unrelated to the COVID-19 vaccination and also receives a COVID-19 vaccine during the office visit, the appropriate office visit code may be billed by the physician as long as preamble requirements for that visit are met. In this case, fee code 54662 (COVID immunization add-on to office visit) is also payable for the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine.

b) visit for **assessment, and both COVID-19 immunization AND influenza immunization** – claim the applicable visit fee as above in 2) a) and one unit of fee code 54662 (COVID-19 immunization add-on to office visit);

c) visit for **assessment, and COVID-19 immunization AND one or more of insured adult immunizations (i.e. Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR); Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis; pneumococcal disease (Pneu-C-20), and shingles)** – claim the applicable visit fee as described in 2) a) and the applicable units of fee code 54649 (Adult immunization for target populations as described in Appendix D add-on to office visit). In this case, any immunizations for COVID or influenza are not billable in addition.

d) Fee codes 54662 (COVID-19 immunization add-on to office visit) and 54656 (each additional injection) cannot be billed together. Fee codes 54649 and 54662 cannot be billed together.

3) As per MCP Medical Payment Schedule Preamble sections 5.2 and 5.6, the billing physician must be physically present at the site where the COVID-19 immunization(s) is administered.

4) Premiums cannot be billed with COVID-19 immunization fee codes. However, fee code 139 ("Add on fee for patients seen in scheduled after hours clinics") remains billable with the applicable fee codes.

Documentation Requirements for Physicians Providing COVID-19 Immunization:

1. Each time a COVID-19 vaccination is administered, it **must** be documented.

For Med Access users: completion of the **COVID-19 Immunization Response** template available within Med Access is the **only** acceptable method of documenting COVID-19 immunization.

For non-Med Access users: if a physician is unable to use Med Access, paper documentation can be used. Immunization consent forms will be available at [Time For The Shot - Government of Newfoundland and Labrador](#).

Completed paper consent forms should be batched and submitted biweekly to:

Public Health Division
1st floor West Block, Confederation Building
Department of Health and Community Services
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
PO Box 8700
100 Prince Philip Drive
St. John's NL A1B 4J6

Consent forms should be transferred to the Public Health Division via courier service. To arrange courier service at no cost to the physician, please contact Robyn McMaster at RobynMcMaster@gov.nl.ca. The custodian of personal health information must ensure that this transfer of information is in compliance with the **Personal Health Information Act**.

2. If a visit for assessment is billed with the COVID-19 immunization, the record of service for that visit must meet the minimum requirements for the applicable visit billed as stated in the MCP Medical Payment Schedule preamble. Documentation of the COVID-19 immunization is also required as above in 1.
3. If the COVID-19 immunization is provided at the same time as another immunization, each immunization(s) must be documented separately.

Contacting patients to remind them of the availability of COVID-19 immunization is not viewed by MCP as solicitation.

Questions relating to the content of this newsletter should be directed to the AssistantMedicalDirector@gov.nl.ca or 1 (709) 758-1557.
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