

mcp newsletter

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TO: CATEGORY 'B' EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

**RE: UPDATED LIST OF CATEGORY 'B' SITES BY TIER CATEGORY UNDER THE
INTERIM RATE STRUCTURE**

As previously communicated in MCP Newsletter 22-09 ([BILLING-CODES-FOR-INTERIM-RATE-STRUCTURE-3.pdf \(gov.nl.ca\)](#)) and updated with MCP Newsletter 22-22 ([CHANGES-TO-CATEGORY-'B'-INTERIM-RATE-STRUCTURE.pdf \(gov.nl.ca\)](#)) the Category 'B' Emergency Department Interim Rate Structure was introduced. This interim rate structure has been extended to March 31, 2025.

Category 'B' facilities in Harbour Breton, Springdale, Old Perlican, Bonne Bay, and Placentia Health Centre have been updated to Tier 3 status to recognize Emergency Department volumes above 7,000 annually at those sites. Effective dates for each facility have been communicated to NLHS.

For ease of reference, an illustrative table, which shows the applicable remuneration and fee codes for each payment modality and tier, is attached. A list of sites for all three remuneration tiers is also attached.

Please note, there are no changes to the existing billing codes associated with the introduction of the third tier and physicians should continue to bill either 611030, 611040, or 611050 as appropriate (using the applicable rates) to receive their incentive bonus.

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Category B Emergency Department Incentive Rates				
		Salaried	Locum	Fee-for-Service
Base Pay (as outlined in the MOA)				
A	Weekday Daytime (Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm)	Usual Salary Billing Code: N/A (paid by RHA)	\$825/day Billing Code: N/A (paid by RHA)	\$56.65/hour + FFS Claims Billing Code: 611010
B	Weekday Evenings (Mon-Fri, 6pm-8am)	\$78.84/hour (no FFS claims) Billing Code: 611020	\$78.84/hour (no FFS claims) Billing Code: 611020	\$56.65/hour + FFS Claims Billing Code: 611010 + FFS Claims OR \$78.84/hour (no FFS claims) Billing Code: 611020
C	Saturday, Sunday and Statutory Holidays	\$78.84/hour (no FFS claims) Billing Code: 611020	\$78.84/hour (no FFS claims) Billing Code: 611020	\$56.65/hour + FFS Claims Billing Code: 611010 + FFS Claims OR \$78.84/hour (no FFS claims) Billing Code: 611020
Incentive Bonus				
Tier 1 Category B Facilities				
A	Weekday Daytime (Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm)	\$400 for full shift	\$40/hour Billing Code: 611030	\$40/hour Billing Code: 611030
B	Weekday Evenings (Mon-Fri, 6pm-8am)	\$399.98 for full shift	\$28.57/hour Billing Code: 611040	\$28.57/hour Billing Code: 611040
C	Weekends and Statutory Holidays	\$799.92 for full shift	\$33.33/hour Billing Code: 611050	\$33.33/hour Billing Code: 611050
Tier 2 Category B Facilities				
A	Weekday Daytime (Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm)	\$550 for full shift	\$55/hour (\$550 for full shift) Billing Code: 611030	\$55/hour (\$550 for full shift) Billing Code: 611030
B	Weekday Evenings (Mon-Fri, 6pm-8am)	\$550.06 for full shift	\$39.29/hour Billing Code: 611040	\$39.29/hour Billing Code: 611040
C	Weekends and Statutory Holidays	\$1,099.92 for full shift	\$45.83/hour Billing Code: 611050	\$45.83/hour Billing Code: 611050

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Tier 3 Category B Facilities						
A	Weekday Daytime (Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm)	\$800 for full shift	\$80/hour (\$800 for full shift) Billing Code: 611030			
B	Weekday Evenings (Mon-Fri, 6pm-8am)	\$799.96 for full shift	\$57.14/hour Billing Code: 611040	\$57.14/hour Billing Code: 611040	\$57.14/hour Billing Code: 611040	\$57.14/hour Billing Code: 611040
C	Weekends and Statutory Holidays	\$1,600.08 for full shift	\$66.67/hour Billing Code: 611050	\$66.67/hour Billing Code: 611050	\$66.67/hour Billing Code: 611050	\$66.67/hour Billing Code: 611050

Category B Sites by Incentive Tier						
Tier	Total Daily Incentive Rate	RHA	Site			
Tier 1 Sites	\$800	Central Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Hugh Twomey Health Care Centre, Botwood A.M. Guy Memorial Health Centre, Buchans North Haven Emergency Centre, Lewisporte 			
		Eastern Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grand Bank Community Centre, Grand Bank U.S. Memorial Health Centre, St. Lawrence Dr. William Newhook Community Health Centre, Whitbourne 			
		Western Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calder Health Care Centre, Burgeo 			
Tier 2 Sites (sites 100km from nearest Cat A facility AND whose ED volume has exceeded 3,500 people)	\$1,100	Central Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Y.K. Jeon Kittiwake Health Centre, New-Wes-Valley 			
Tier 3 Sites (sites 200km from nearest Cat A facility OR whose ED volume exceeded 7,000 people and island-based Cat B facilities)	\$1,600	Central Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baie Verte Peninsula Health Centre, Baie Verte Fogo Island Hospital, Fogo Green Bay Community Health Centre, Springdale Notre Dame Bay Memorial Health Centre, Twillingate Connaigre Peninsula Health Care Centre, Harbour Breton 			
		Eastern Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Walter Templeman Community Health Centre, Bell Island Bonavista Community Health Centre, Bonavista Dr. A.A. Wilkinson Memorial Health Centre, Old Perlican Placentia Health Centre, Placentia 			
		Western Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. C.L. LeGrow Health Centre, Port Aux Basques Rufus Guinchard Health Care Centre, Port Saunders Bonne Bay Health Centre, Bonne Bay 			

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Note:

- Regardless of tier, physicians will collect their base pay (either from their RHA or by billing MCP) **AND** will bill MCP using codes A, B or C (as determined by their shift).
- The total daily rate is based on a full 24-hour shift (8:00 a.m. – 7:59 a.m.). If only a portion of the day is worked, the bonus is broken down into an hourly rate based on the total number of hours in that shift (Weekdays: 10 hour day shift, 14 hour night shift; Weekends: 24 hour full day shift).
- Billing codes outlined in the rate table remain the same regardless of their Category B location or tier – only the rate associated with that code will change.
- Physicians **MUST** bill MCP using the codes in the rate table to receive their incentive bonus – physicians have 90 days from the date of service to submit their claim to MCP for processing (either via mail, paper claims, or through electronic billing).