

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LONG-TERM CARE
Primary Health Care Team

FACT SHEET

Title: After Hours Premium (Q012A)

Date: March 2008

Eligible Patient Enrolment Models (PEMs):

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| ☒ Family Health Networks (FHNs) | ☒ Group Health Centres (GHC) |
| ☒ Family Health Organizations (FHO) | ☒ South Eastern Ontario Academic Medical Organization (SEAMO) |
| ☒ Family Health Groups (FHGs) | |
| ☒ Weeneebayko Health Ahtuskaywin (WHA) | |
| ☒ Rural and Northern Physician Group Agreement (RNPGA) | |
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Recent changes to the After Hours Premium (fee code Q012A) have identified an ongoing problem many physicians are encountering in updating their billing software. The value of the Q012A fee code is variable, dependent upon the value of the accompanying fee code to which the 20% premium applies. Many physicians billing systems are unable to accept a variable fee amount.

A systems change has been implemented to ensure that the Q012A will pay the correct 20% premium value for the accompanying fee schedule code regardless of the value of the fee billed for the Q012A code (as long as the value is not zero dollars).

This solution does not apply when the fee billed is zero dollars, the system will still pay at zero.

All previously submitted Q012A's with service dates of October 1, 2006 forward have been reprocessed in the claims system and the corrected payments will be reflected on the February 2008 RA.