

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

FACT SHEET - UPDATED

Title: NEW GRADUATE – NEW PATIENT FEE

Date: March 2006

Eligible Patient Enrolment Models (PEMs):

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| ☒ Family Health Networks (FHNs) | ☒ St. Joseph's Health Centre |
| ☒ Family Health Groups (FHGs) | ☒ Primary Care Networks (PCNs) |
| ☒ Comprehensive Care Models (CCMs) | ☒ Health Service Organizations (HSOs) |
| ☒ Group Health Centre (GHC) | |

The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) includes provisions for a New Graduate-New Patient Fee effective July 1st, 2005. Guidelines on how to submit for the New Graduate-New Patient Fee (Q033A) and how any claims previously submitted as New Patient Fees (Q013A) will report on your Remittance Advice (RA) are provided below.

Note: Effective March 1st, 2006, New Graduates must submit the New Graduate-New Patient Fee (Q033A) for their New Patients, not the Q013A as previously advised. After March 1st, 2006, any claims for New Patient Fees (Q013s) submitted by New Graduates will reject to the claims error report with an error code 'EQJ' – Pract. Not eligible on service date. Physicians should resubmit any Q013As codes that have rejected with an 'EQJ' error code as Q033As.

- A New Graduate is a physician who has completed his/her family medicine post-graduate training and was licensed to practice within three (3) years of joining a Patient Enrolment Model (PEM) or July 1st, 2005, whichever is later.

As well, a physician is considered a New Graduate if he/she is an International Medical Graduate who completed his/her family medicine post-graduate training and was licensed to practice or granted a certificate for independent practice as a family physician in Ontario (e.g. successful completion of Assessment Program for International Medical Graduates (APIMG)) within three (3) years of joining a PEM or July 1st, 2005, whichever is later.

- To claim the New Graduate-New Patient Fee, both the patient (or parent/legal guardian where applicable) and the enrolling physician must complete both the *Patient Enrolment and Consent to Release Personal Health Information (E/C)* form and the *New Patient Declaration (Declaration)* form.
- To claim the New Graduate-Patient Fee, the physician must submit a Q033A claim for:
 - \$100 for New Patients up to and including 64 years of age,
 - \$110 for New Patients ages 65 to 74 years, and
 - \$120 for patients ages 75 years of age and older.

Should a physician's software program not support multiple amounts for the same fee code, he/she may submit the Q033A for \$100.00 and the ministry's system will adjust it accordingly.

- The service date of a Q033A claim must be the same as the date on the E/C form and the Declaration form.
- A New Graduate is eligible for a maximum of 150 New Graduate New-Patient Fees (Q033A) in his/her first year of practice in an eligible PEM (12 months beginning with their effective date of joining the group).

NOTE: If a New Graduate joined a PEM prior to July 1st, 2005, and was in his/her first year of practice with the PEM on that date, the 12 month eligibility period to claim the fee is July 1st, 2005 to June 30th, 2006.

- When a New Graduate's twelve month eligibility period has ended, the physician can still enrol New Patients. At this time, he/she will be eligible to claim up to 50 New Patient Fees (Q013A) until the end of the fiscal year.
- To avoid stale dating issues as a result of the delayed implementation of this fee code, the ministry previously advised all physicians (excluding CCM physicians) to submit the New Patient Fee (Q013A) for their New Patients. All New Patient Fees (Q013A) processed for New Graduates between July 1st, 2005 and February 25th, 2006 will be automatically reprocessed as New Graduate-New Patient (Q033A) for the April 2006 RA. **New Patient Fees (Q013A) previously paid at zero dollars (\$0) with an explanatory code M1 (Maximum number of services reached), will be reprocessed and paid as Q033A claims up to the 150 maximum. New Patient Fees (Q013A) exceeding the 150 maximum will appear as Q033A codes with an explanatory code M1.**

Physicians are encouraged to continue to submit New Graduate-New Patient Fee claims after the 150 maximum has been reached for tracking purposes.

- New Graduates that have enrolled New Patients and have not submitted a New Patient Fee (Q013A) prior to February 25th, 2006 should submit the New Graduate-New Patient Fee (Q033A) now to avoid stale dating. For eligible New Patients enrolled between July 1st, 2005, and December 31st, 2005, and not previously claimed, submit a New Graduate-New Patient Fee (Q033A) with a service date of **January 1st, 2006**.
- For any individual patient a physician may only claim one of the following fees: New Patient Fee; New Graduate-New Patient Fee or Unattached Patient Fee.

Note: CCM physicians are only eligible for the New Graduate-New Patient Fee and the Unattached Patient Fee.

- A physician may submit for both a New Graduate-New Patient Fee (Q033A) and a Per Patient Rostering Fee (Q200A) for the same patient. Physicians should continue to submit the Q200A separate from other claims.
- For further information on how to enrol New Patients please refer to the *New Graduate-New Patient Fee Fact Sheet* sent to physicians in December 2005.

Copies of the *New Patient Declaration* can be obtained on-line at http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/forms/forms_mn.html

For more information, please contact the ministry Help Desk at 1-800-262-6524 or your ministry Site Contact at 1-866-766-0266.