

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LONG-TERM CARE
Primary Health Care and Family Health Teams

FACT SHEET

Title: **Memorandum of Agreement Reassessment Initiatives Effective October 1, 2007**

Date: **November 2007**

Eligible Patient Enrolment Models (PEMs):

☒ Comprehensive Care Model (CCM)

In accordance with the 2007 Reassessment Memorandum of Agreement a number of enhancements are being made to primary care incentives and premiums effective October 1, 2007.

Increase to New Graduate – New Patient Fee (Q033A)

The New Graduate-New Patient Fee (Q033A) has been increased for Comprehensive Care Model Physicians as follows:

- the premium for patients aged 65 to 74 is increasing from \$110 to \$120
- the premium for patients aged 75 and older is increasing from \$120 to \$180

These increases will be applied to claims submitted with services dates of October 1, 2007 or later.

New Graduate – New Patient Fee (Q033A) – Threshold Increase

As of October 1, 2007 any physician meeting the New Graduate criteria is eligible for a maximum of 300 New Graduate – New Patient fees (Q033A) in their first year of practice with a PEM. All other criteria for this premium remain unchanged.

New Graduate physicians who joined an eligible PEM on or after October 2, 2006 and are therefore within their first year of practice in a PEM (12 months from their effective date of joining a PEM) are also eligible for the increased threshold. Any previously submitted Q033A claims that were paid at zero dollars with explanatory code 'M1' will automatically be adjusted on the November 2007 RA up to the new maximum of 300.

New Graduate Physicians who have not reached the new threshold should continue to submit for the duration of their eligibility period. Any claims submitted over the new threshold will be paid at zero dollars with the explanatory code of 'M1'.

Increase to the After Hours Premium (Q016A)

The After Hours Premium (Q016A) for Comprehensive Care Model Physicians has been increased from 10% to 20% of the associated fee schedule code for service dates of October 1, 2007 or later provided during After Hours/block coverage. Please refer to your primary care agreement and the MOA for applicable fee schedule codes.

Please be advised the system does not automatically pay the 20% premium, either submit the Q016A at the appropriate fee or if your software does not support multiple amounts for the same fee code, please bill the Q016A code at the highest amount and the system will reduce it accordingly.

**For more information, please contact your local Ministry office
or your Ministry site team at 1-866-766-0266.**