

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 Model (PEMs):

☒ Family Health Group (FHG)

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 Patient Fees (Q013A and Q033A)

The New Patient Fee (Q013A) and the New Graduate-New Patient Fee (Q033A) have been increased for physicians in eligible Patient Enrolment Models (PEMs) 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 Patient Fee (Q013A) –Threshold Increase

Family Health Group physicians are now eligible for a maximum of 55 New Patient Fees (Q013A) for this fiscal year. The threshold has been increased from 50 to 55 retroactive to April 1, 2007. All other criteria for this premium remain unchanged.

Previously submitted Q013A with service dates on or after April 1, 2007 that paid at zero with explanatory code 'M1' will automatically be adjusted up to the new maximum of 55 and paid on the November 2007 Remittance Advice (RA).

Effective April 1, 2008 the threshold will be further increased from 55 to 60 New Patient Fees per fiscal year.

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'.

Exemption to After Hours – Obstetrical Coverage

Family Health Groups (FHGs) are now eligible to receive an exemption from after-hours service requirements if more than 50% of physicians in the group are providing obstetrical deliveries outside of regular office hours. Amendments to the Family Health Group Letter of Agreement are being drafted and will be distributed to FHGs once completed.

**For more information, please contact your local Ministry office
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