

Physicians' Newsletter

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IMPORTANT HEALTH WEBSITE INFORMATION

All physicians are encouraged to become familiar with this important information and update bookmarks accordingly.

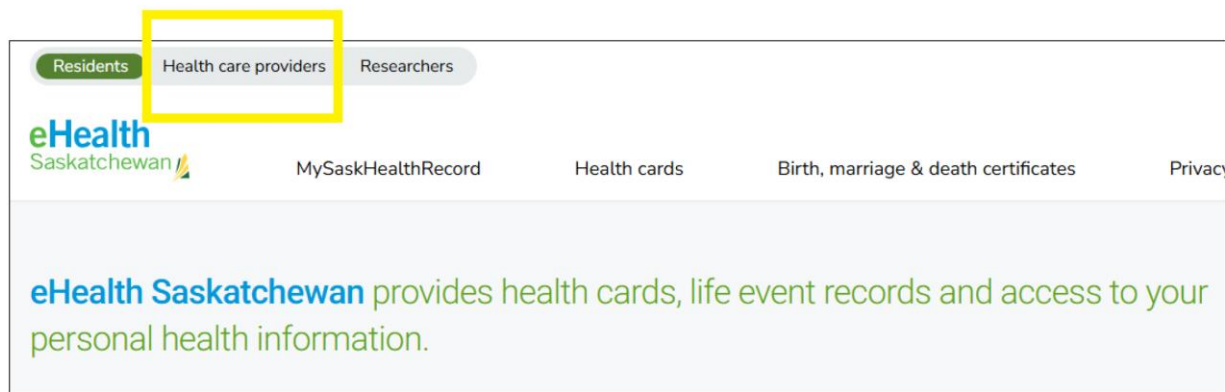
All Medical Services Branch **Payment Schedules, Newsletters, Operations Bulletins, Billing Bulletins, Billing Information Sheets and forms** formerly located on *ehealthsask.ca* are now available on Customer Portal and on **saskatchewan.ca** at

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/resources-for-health-care-businesses-and-career-development/establishing-and-operating-a-practice/physicians>.

The Physician Payment Schedule has been updated to reflect the new links.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The **eHealthsask.ca** site has recently changed. To find resources, including eHealth supported applications such as **EMR, PACS, RMS, PIP** etc. click **Health care providers** at the top of the eHealth home page.



Some resources previously found on **eHealthSask.ca** are now located at **saskatchewan.ca**.

On the **Health care providers** page, you will find **Resources for health care providers** at the top (and also under **Additional Resources**). Links on this page will take you to the external site OR new location at **saskatchewan.ca**.

PLEASE BOOKMARK THE NEW PAGES.

ACTION REQUIRED – BILLING SOFTWARE & PAYMENT SCHEDULE CHANGES

The Physician Payment Schedule revisions outlined in this letter are **effective October 1, 2026**. As outlined in the physicians' Automated Claims Submission and Direct Payment Agreement, payment for services submitted to Medical Services Branch is made in accordance with the applicable Physician Payment Schedule in effect on the date the service is provided. It is imperative that your billing software is utilizing the most up-to-date rate file.

The new claims system will automatically apply the payment rates set out in the October 1, 2026, Physician Payment Schedule. Physicians who prefer not to rely on this functionality may wish to delay submitting claims until their billing software vendor has completed the necessary system updates.

The October 1, 2026, rate file has been provided to all software vendors and is also available for download through Customer Portal. Physicians are encouraged to contact their software vendor to confirm that their system has been updated with the new rates.

NEW ONLINE PHYSICIAN BILLING COURSE LAUNCHED SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

The Ministry of Health, Medical Services Branch (MSB), in collaboration with the Saskatchewan Medical Association (SMA), College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan (CPSS) and the Division of Continuing Medical Education (CME), College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, have partnered to develop the Physician Billing Online Course.

This self-paced, accredited course is designed to strengthen understanding of the Physician Payment Schedule, improve billing accuracy and consistency, and support compliance with billing and documentation requirements. The course includes practical, case-based learning and covers topics such as billing obligations, claim submission and reconciliation, service code interpretation, documentation requirements, EMR utilization, and payment integrity audits.

Key Details

Format:	Online, self-paced (asynchronous)
Target Audience:	Physicians, billing clerks
Duration:	Approximately 6 to 8 hours
Access:	Mobile phone, Tablet, PC, iMac
Cost:	Free of charge
Registration:	Registration opened September 1, 2026, with continuous intake throughout the year.

Accredited

Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada: This activity is an Accredited Self-Assessment Program (Section 3) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and approved by the Continuing Medical Education Division, University of Saskatchewan. You may claim a maximum of **2.75 hours** (credits are automatically calculated).

The College of Family Physicians of Canada: This activity meets the certification criteria of the College of Family Physicians of Canada and has been certified by the Continuing Medical Education Division, University of Saskatchewan for up to **7.0 Mainpro+®** Certified Activity credits.

For full course information, accreditation details, and registration instructions, please visit the University of Saskatchewan Continuing Medical Education website:

[Physician Billing - Continuing Medical Education | University of Saskatchewan](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions and more information, please contact cme.events@usask.ca

CHANGES TO THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE October 1, 2026**GENERAL**

Update	Page 17	Link updated: CPSS Policies, Standards & Guidelines
Revision	Page 30	“Meet and greet” visits clarification
Update	Page 32	<u>Links updated:</u> • Claims system training and information, Customer portal claim query • Routine Audit – Request for information and response form
Update	Page 33	Link updated: Direct deposit payment request, Request for Income Statement
Update	Page 35	Information Source: Claims Analysis Unit
Update	Page 35	Link updated: Physician request for Income Statement
Update	Page 36	Link updated: Audit Billing Information Sheets
Update	Page 37	Link updated: JMPRC Billing Information Sheets
Update	Page 37	Link updated: Physician Profile request form
New	Page 38	Information Source: Physician Online Billing Course
Update	Page 39	Link updated: Health card poster

EXPLANATORY CODES

Revision	BY	Start and stop time fields
Revision	B1	Minimum time requirement
Revision	DX	Concurrent care explanation
New	D1	In-person visit must precede virtual visit
New	D2	Virtual visit billed with in-person procedure
Update	RA-RZ	Link Updated: Routine Audit and Recovery preamble
Revision	RC	Under review as part of a routine audit
Revision	XJ	Similar procedure performed on the same day
Revision	YS	Unable to identify referring practitioner

SECTION A – General Services

New	85A-90A	Page 69-70	Assessment and issuance of orders under <i>The Youth Drug Detoxification and Stabilization Act</i>
Deletion	162A	Page 75	Vaccination and reading

SECTION A – General Services

Revision	12L,12M, 12N, 12P	Page 88	Added to eligible visit service code list under Specialist Visit Supplement for patients 65 years of age and older
Revision	790A/791A, 796A/797A	Page 99	Added clarification to Preamble item #7
Revision	793A	Page 100	Added clarification to Preamble item #10

SECTION B – General Practice

Revision	40B/41B	Page 110	Age limits added to Counselling Preamble item #7
Revision	840B/841B	Page 120	Age limits added to Virtual Counselling Preamble item #6

SECTION D – Internal Medicine

Revision	12D	Page 129	Changed to 2 per patient per physician per 12-month period
New	814D	Page 132	Virtual Complex Partial Assessment or subsequent visit

SECTION H – Anesthesia

Revision	680H	Page 168	GP rate by entitlement added
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SECTION L – General Surgery

Revision	883L	Page 215	Clarification added to descriptor
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SECTION N – Plastic Surgery

Update	Preamble	Page 247	Link updated: 'Other Body Areas' section of the Preamble item #6
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SECTION P – Obstetrics & Gynecology

Revision	42P	Page 262	Title added to descriptor
New	144P	Page 269	Prolonged surgical treatment of complicated pelvic disease – with hysterectomy/Myomectomy
New	145P	Page 269	Prolonged surgical treatment of complicated pelvic disease – without hysterectomy