

Shadow Billing – Mode 0 & 9 Practitioners

Billing Information Sheet

Insured Services, Medical Services Branch

1.	WHAT IS “SHADOW” BILLING?
a.	Shadow billing is a term used for practitioners who are not billing fee-for service, and whose submissions to MSB do not generate an actual ‘payment’.
b.	Shadow billing applies to Primary Health sites and practitioners being paid through salary or contract.
c.	Shadow billing is a requirement of all primary health contracts and the majority of alternate payment arrangements.
2.	WHY IS “SHADOW” BILLING REQUIRED?
a.	When the billing information is not provided or not provided accurately, it severely compromises the integrity of our data.
b.	Data gathered through shadow billing assists the Ministry when reviewing funding levels for current or new contracts.
c.	Medical Services Branch cannot accurately assess services submitted by other physicians in relation to the services you are providing.
d.	Patient billing histories must be an accurate depiction of the services provided when requesting a medical statement from the Ministry to claim expenses on income tax.
e.	Statistical data is used for annual reporting, financial reporting and for business utilization.
f.	To prove accountability of the services provided under your contract or salary.
3.	WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN “SHADOW” AND FEE-FOR-SERVICE BILLINGS?
	MSB do not treat shadow billings any different than fee-for-service billings. ✓ Same rules. ✓ Same policy. ✓ Same assessment.