

Billing Information Sheet

Physician Billing Obligations

Overview

Physicians play an important role in ensuring that billings submitted to the **publicly funded** health care system are accurate, complete, and comply with applicable legislation, policies, and billing requirements.

As key participants in Saskatchewan's publicly funded health care system, physicians and the Ministry of Health each have a role in ensuring the responsible stewardship of public resources. Physicians who receive direct payment from Medical Services Branch are required to comply with the terms and conditions of the Direct Payment Agreement, which outlines the requirements for submitting claims for payment. Physicians should be familiar with their billing obligations and the requirements governing insured services.

Physicians remain personally responsible for all billings submitted under their billing number, regardless of who prepared or submitted the claim on their behalf.

Medically Required Services

Pursuant to *The Saskatchewan Medical Care Insurance Act*, Medical Services Branch has the authority to pay physicians only for **medically required** insured services. All services submitted for payment must also be billed in accordance with the Physician Payment Schedule and documented in accordance with the "Documentation Requirements for the Purposes of Billing" section of the schedule.

The Ministry of Health and Saskatchewan physicians share a responsibility to ensure that public funds are used appropriately and that payments made through the publicly funded health care system comply with *The Saskatchewan Medical Care Insurance Act*, the Physician Payment Schedule, and the Direct Payment Agreement.

The Ministry of Health appreciates physicians' ongoing efforts and cooperation in ensuring that claims submitted for payment meet these requirements.

Important Resources

- Physician Payment Schedule
- Physician's Newsletter
- MSB Operation Bulletins
- MSB Billing Bulletins

Billing resources can be found at **saskatchewan.ca**:

<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>

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