MEMO

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Date : March 27, 2026 **Ref.:**

To: All Physicians
Horizon Health Network
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Subject: 2025-2027 Fee-For-Service Distribution Changes

The enclosed Attachments A and B outline the agreed-upon changes associated with the allocation of the applicable resource adjustments for Medical and Surgical Specialists and Family Medicine Specialists. The changes also encompass the **2.5%** increase negotiated for year 1 (**2025-2026**) and **3.5%** for year 2 **(2026-2027)** as part of the 2025-2029 Physician Services Agreement (PSA) between the Province of New Brunswick and the New Brunswick Medical Society. Some of the changes are not part of the 2025-2027 FFS Fee Distribution but are negotiated changes from the PSA that are taking place at the same time and are noted as such.

The new rates resulting from the 2025-2027 Fee Distribution will be effective **April 1, 2026,** unless otherwise indicated.

Physicians shall not submit billings between 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on April 1, 2026. Claims submitted during this period will be paid at the prior rates, and no retroactive adjustments will be made.

Your billing software must be updated by 6 AM on April 1, 2026. Prior to submitting any claims on April 1, 2026, please ensure that your software has been updated accordingly. All third party EMR vendors have received communications regarding the updates and have been advised that the changes must be in place for April 1, 2026. After this date, you are responsible for billing the new rates. **No retroactive payments/adjustments will be made for services after this date.**

Should your billing software not be updated by this date, please contact your third-party billing software vendor or the Medicare Claims Entry (MCE). MCE users can contact User Support at (506) 453-8274.

Information regarding retroactive payments for the year 2025-2026 will be communicated in a separate memo at a later date.

Communication regarding the new **Medical Pay Plan** and Addendum will follow in a separate memo.

Retain this memo and its attachments until the updates have been incorporated into the Physicians's Manual and published online.

Please provide your billing staff with a copy of the Attachments A and B.

If you have any questions concerning these changes, please do not hesitate to contact the New Brunswick Medical Society at (506) 458-8860 or by email at info@nbms.nb.ca, Practitioner Enquiries at PELS.DRPL@gnb.ca, (506) 444-5860 (English), (506) 457-7572 (Bilingual), (506) 444-5876 (Bilingual) or (506) 261-0415 (English).

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ATTACHMENT A

2025-2027 MANUAL PAYMENTS ALLOCATION

1. SESSIONAL RATES

Effective April 1, 2026, the following changes will apply:

a) General Sessional Rate

The General Sessional Rate will increase from **$148.11**/hr to **$175.00**/hr.

b) Hospitalist – PSA Change

The Regional Hospital Hospitalist Program rates will change from the current sessional rates to a daily rate of $1,800 which includes on-call responsibilities.

Existing sessional arrangements for Non-Regional hospitalist services that are remunerated at the general sessional rate of **$148.11**/hr will be increased to **$187.50**/hr, which will be known as the Hospitalist Sessional rate. This new rate will apply to the following hospitals:

- The Moncton Hospital (Internal Medicine)
- Upper River Valley Hospital
- Enfant-Jésus Hospital
- Grand Falls General Hospital
- Tracadie Hospital
- Hôtel-Dieu Saint-Joseph de Saint-Quentin
- Stella-Maris-de-Kent Hospital
- Sackville Memorial Hospital
- Charlotte County Hospital

c) Emergency Department (ED) Sessional Rates:

The ED sessional rates currently paid at **$247.27**/hr for Regional Hospitals and $**231.20**/hr for Non-Regional Hospitals will increase to **$293.80**/hr for both Regional and Non-Regional Hospital Emergency Departments including the Saint John Regional Hospital AFP.

d) Psychiatry Sessional Rate

The Psychiatry Sessional Rate will increase from **$158.50**/hr to **$250.00**/hr

e) Dedicated OBS/Anesthesia Sessional Rate:

The sessional rate for Dedicated OBS/Anesthesia currently paid at **$195.60**/hr will increase to **$224.10**/hr.

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2. ALTERNATE FUNDING PLANS (AFP):

AFP lead physicians will receive a letter with the new AFP funding amounts. Updated Practice Plans will be required to initiate payment of new funding.

3. MANDATED ON-CALL (MOC) – PSA Change

Effective April 1, 2026, all Mandated On-call rotations will be billed using the generic unit value of $1.00 (previously $1.01).

The following changes will apply to the MOC rates effective April 1, 2026:

a) The MOC rate for **Regular and Second** On-call currently paid at $272.70, increases to **$300.00** (300 units at $1.00) for all rotations.
b) The MOC rate for **Provincial Correctional Centres** currently paid at $272.70, increases to **$300.00** (300 units at $1.00) for all rotations.
c) The MOC rate for **Nursing Homes** currently paid at $212.10 will increase to **$215.00** (215 units at $1.00) for all rotations.
d) The MOC rate for **Provincial** On-call rotations currently paid at $500.00 will increase to **$600.00** (600 units at $1.00).

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ATTACHMENT B

2025-2027 FEE-FOR-SERVICE ALLOCATION

1. IMMUNIZATIONS

Effective ***April 1, 2026***, immunization service codes payable with visit which is paid at 15 units will be payable at a (**Maximum of 4 @100%** per service date).

Effective ***April 1, 2026***, immunization service codes not payable with procedure or visit which is paid at 20 units will be payable at a (**Maximum of 4 @100%** per service date).

2. ELECTRONIC CONSULTATION (eConsult) – PSA Change

Effective **April 1, 2026,** a **NEW** asynchronous "**eConsult Referring Provider**" service code has been implemented.

Effective **April 1, 2026**, **enhancements** to existing service code 1842 "**eConsult Consulting Provider**" have been implemented.

**** The applicable billing rules and guidelines are outlined in the attached Addendum 1, located at the end of this document.****

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3. UNIT VALUE INCREASES

Unit value increases effective **April 1, 2026**

Certified / Uncertified Specialties

Specialty	Old Unit Value	New Unit Value
Family Medicine –	$1.57	**$1.67**
FM Anaesthesia	$19.56	**$22.41**
Anaesthesia –		
General Units	$1.64	**$1.66**
Anaesthesia	$19.56	**$22.41**
Cardiac Surgery	$1.14	**$1.14**
Dermatology	$1.50	**$1.60**
Diagnostic Radiology	$1.34	**$1.50**
- Uncertified	$1.01	**$1.13**
Emergency Medicine	$1.54	**$1.67**
General Internal Medicine	$1.26	**$1.59**
General Surgery	$1.31	**$1.31**
Cardiology, Interventional Cardiology and Cardiac Electrophysiology	$1.15	**$1.35**
Clinical Allergy and Immunology	$1.15	**$1.32**
Critical Care Medicine	$1.15	**$1.32**
Endocrinology & Metabolism	$1.15	**$1.32**
Gastroenterology	$1.15	**$1.34**
Geriatrics	$1.15	**$1.32**
Hematology	$1.15	**$1.32**
Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease	$1.15	**$1.32**
Medical Oncology	$1.15	**$1.15**
Nephrology	$1.15	**$1.33**
Radiation Oncology	$1.15	**$1.32**
Maternal Fetal Medicine	$1.38	**$1.38**
Neurology	$1.53	**$1.86**
Nuclear Medicine	$1.41	**$1.58**
- Uncertified	$1.06	**$1.19**
Neurosurgery	$2.37	**$2.89**
Obstetrics & Gynaecology	$1.44	**$1.66**
Ophthalmology	$1.19	**$1.20**
Orthopaedic Surgery	$1.37	**$1.58**
Otolaryngology	$1.25	**$1.44**

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Specialty	Old Unit Value	New Unit Value
Paediatrics	$1.47	**$1.70**
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	$1.89	**$2.06**
Plastic Surgery	$1.58	**$1.93**
Psychiatry	$1.37	**$1.70**
Respirology	$1.61	**$1.84**
Rheumatology	$1.38	**$1.45**
Standard Surgical Assist	$1.58	**$1.93**
Thoracic Surgery	$1.31	**$1.31**
Urology	$1.28	**$1.49**
Vascular Surgery	$1.31	**$1.55**
Walk-in Clinic	$1.05	**$1.05**

4. UNIT INCREASES

Effective April 1, 2026, unless otherwise specified

ITEMS COMMON TO ALL PRACTITIONERS			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
2	Therapeutic injections	17	**20**
2	Therapeutic injections - **Nurse**	8	**9**
4	Home Visit	47	**95**
5	Home visit - Additional Patient	32	**37**
8	Emergency Home Visit	67	**137**
9	NH - Each additional patient	25	**37**
21	Initial assessment - Non-specialist	181	**199**
22	Daily Rate - Non-specialist	31	**34**
23	Intensive care requiring detention - Non-Specialist	40	**44**
45	Transfer of Care - Hospital Care	31	**35**
193	Patient Counseling	28	**37**
195	Visit to a physician's office by EMP 1 patient	21	**37**
196	Visit to a physician's office by EMP 2 or more patients	27	**45**
199	Supportive Care	39	**43**
200	Detention	28	**37**
200	Detention - **Nurse**	13	**17**
204	EMP Home visit - With admission to the program	157	**168**

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205	EMP Home visit - To a previously admitted patient	131	**142**
206	EMP Home visit - Emergency visit	157	**168**
208	EMP Palliative Home Visit - Additional patient	30	**40**
209	EMP Visit (other than home visit) with admission	41	**55**
210	Communication	16	**17**
210	Communication - **Nurse**	7	**8**
216	Family Counseling	28	**37**
847	EMP Palliative Home Visit	131	**141**
848	EMP Palliative Home Visit - Emergency visit	157	**166**
1752	NH Emergency visit, night time and weekends,	56	**63**
1819	ICU care	31	**35**
1894	Hyposensitization	13	**17**
2000	NH - Pre-admission complete examination	45	**58**
2001	NH - First patient seen during visit	40	**52**
2020	Day - First patient, when called to attend	91	**120**
2021	Day - Additional patient	27	**37**
2831	Night - First patient attended - With Coverage	43	**120**
2832	Night - Additional patient, any hospital	32	**37**
2854	Night - First patient attended - Without Coverage	99	**130**
2855	Daytime emergency visit	56	**105**
2856	Night time and weekends emergency visit	82	**130**
2858	Additional patient, office emergency visit	31	**37**
2859	Additional patient, other location emergency visit	24	**37**
2861	Additional patient emergency visit	43	**85**
2925	Day - First patient, special visit from on-site office	27	**38**
2926	Night - Practitioner coming from on-site office	43	**130**
FAMILY MEDICINE			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
1	Office Visit	33	**37**
1	Office Visit - **Nurse**	15	**17**
10	Major or regional consultation	62	**90**
12	Repeat, within 30 days	49	**77**
14	Delivery	446	**480**
15	Prenatal Complete Exam	59	**68**
16	Pre & Post Natal Visit	32	**40**
17	Newborn infant care	79	**94**
18	Premature - Up to 3 weeks	65	**81**
19	Well Baby Care	34	**40**

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20	Psychotherapy	28	**37**
20	Psychotherapy - **Nurse**	13	**17**
30	Premature - Next Three weeks	65	**78**
214	In Harbor	50	**56**
386	At Wharf	45	**51**
1404	Caesarean section	471	**525**
1406	Assisted vaginal delivery	450	**500**
1413	Multiple Births , add	226	**276**
8101	Seniors Office Visit, add	9	**10**
8101	Seniors Office Visit, add - **Nurse**	4	**5**
8104	NP/FM Collaborative	25	**37**
8105	Patient Transfer from NP to FM	25	**37**
8106	Review for Referral	32	**37**
8108	First Visit by attending - Hospital	30	**37**
8110	In-Patient Consultation	38	**68**
8116	Opiate Addiction – Office Visit	32	**37**
8161	MAID per 15 Mins/part there of	60	**66**
8715	Attendance at Labour	366	**415**
8720	OPD Visit	31	**33**
8985	Complex Patient Care Visit, add	9	**10**
8986	Complex Medical Care - Group	32	**37**
9142	Medical Termination of Pregnancy	88	**96**
9143	Cannabis – Office Visit	32	**37**
ANAESTHESIA			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
40	Directive Care	39	**43**
201	Assessment re fitness for anaesthesia	56	**59**
313	Initial assessment and institution of care	221	**243**
314	Daily rate, per day	39	**43**
315	Intensive care, requiring detention	50	**55**
2927	Hospital Care - Admission	81	**85**
2928	Hospital Care - 2nd day to 30th day, per day	39	**43**
2929	Hospital Care - after 30 days, per day	24	**28**
8327	Hospital Care - Date of Discharge	42	**46**

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DERMATOLOGY			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
46	Directive Care	39	**43**
119	Office visit - Non referred first visit	61	**71**
121	Office visit - Follow-up	40	**49**
125	Major or regional consultation	84	**91**
126	Repeat, within 30 days	70	**78**
134	Diagnostic skin biopsy	34	**38**
154	PUVA therapy	23	**27**
2255	Hospital Care - Admission	81	**85**
2256	Hospital Care - 2nd day to 30th day, per day	39	**43**
2258	Hospital Care - after 30 days, per day	24	**28**
2257	Hospital Care - Date of Discharge	42	**46**
8121	Narrow Band Ultraviolet Therapy	23	**27**
8350	Mohs - Initial	254	**262**
8351	Mohs - One or more additional levels	218	**226**
8352	Mohs - Single tissue shift	150	**158**
8353	Mohs - Multiple tissue shift	240	**248**
8354	Mohs - Single tissue shift	180	**188**
8355	Mohs - Multiple tissue shift	240	**248**
8356	Mohs - Full thickness skin grafts	173	**181**
8357	Mohs - partial thickness skin graft	116	**124**
8723	OPD Visit	31	**32**
9012	Elliptical excision and suture repair - carcinoma of skin	84	**90**
CARDIOLOGY			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
198	Directive Care - Intensive Care	22	**26**
853	Cardiac morphology	116	**130**
856	Cardiac functional assessment and quantification	116	**130**
857	Cardiac viability	116	**130**
9515	Major or regional consultation	133	**136**
9516	Repeat, within 30 days	115	**120**
9518	Office visit - Follow-up	56	**59**
9547	Initial assessment and institution of care	226	**249**
9548	Daily Rate	81	**89**
9549	Intensive care, requiring detention	50	**55**
9560	ICU - Transfer	62	**68**
9519	Hospital Care - Admission	95	**99**

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9541	Hospital Care - 2nd day to 30th day, per day	39	**43**
9542	Hospital Care - after 30 days, per day	26	**30**
9543	Hospital Care - Date of Discharge	42	**46**
9545	Directive Care	39	**43**
9546	OPD Visit	34	**35**
GASTROENTEROLOGY			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
9610	Office visit - Follow-up	56	**57**
197	Directive Care	39	**43**
198	Directive Care - Intensive Care	22	**26**
9619	Initial assessment and institution of care	226	**249**
9620	Daily Rate	81	**89**
9621	Intensive care, requiring detention	50	**55**
9611	Hospital Care - Admission	95	**99**
9612	Hospital Care - 2nd day to 30th day, per day	39	**43**
9613	Hospital Care - after 30 days, per day	26	**30**
9614	Hospital Care - Date of Discharge	42	**46**
9617	OPD Visit	34	**36**
GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
198	Directive Care - Intensive Care	22	**26**
220	Initial assessment and institution of care	226	**249**
221	Daily Rate	81	**89**
222	Intensive care, requiring detention	50	**55**
1821	ICU Care - Transfer	62	**68**
8740	OPD Visit	46	**56**
8760	Office visit - Non referred first visit	89	**94**
8763	Office visit - Follow-up	66	**75**
8764	Major or regional consultation	147	**150**
8765	Repeat, within 30 days	120	**124**
8766	Hospital Care - Admission	95	**99**
8767	Hospital Care - 2nd day to 30th day, per day	39	**43**
8768	Hospital Care - after 30 days, per day	26	**30**
8769	Hospital Care - Date of Discharge	42	**46**
8770	Directive Care	39	**43**

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GENERAL SURGERY (Refer to section 7 of the memo for details on unit increases from Chapters 7, 11 & 12)			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
26	Office visit - Non referred first visit	72	**106**
29	Office vist - Follow-up	53	**83**
31	Major or regional consultation	90	**124**
33	Repeat, within 30 days	73	**108**
34	Home Visit	47	**80**
47	Directive Care	39	**43**
2381	Hospital Care - Admission	58	**62**
2382	Hospital Care - 2nd day to 30th day, per day	39	**43**
2384	Hospital Care - after 30 days, per day	25	**29**
2383	Hospital Care - Date of Discharge	42	**46**
2833	Initial assessment and institution of care	221	**243**
2834	Daily rate, per day	39	**43**
2835	Intensive care, requiring detention	50	**55**
8724	OPD Visit	34	**54**
NEPHROLOGY			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
197	Directive Care	39	**43**
198	Directive Care - Intensive Care	22	**26**
9698	Daily Rate	81	**89**
9689	Office visit - Follow-up	56	**60**
9690	Hospital Care - Admission	95	**99**
9691	Hospital Care - 2nd day to 30th day, per day	39	**43**
9692	Hospital Care - after 30 days, per day	26	**30**
9693	Hospital Care - Date of Discharge	42	**46**
9696	OPD Visit	34	**37**
NEUROLOGY			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
61	Directive Care	39	**43**
156	Office visit - Non referred first visit	94	**95**
159	Office visit - Follow-up	73	**81**
161	Major or regional Consultation	105	**115**
162	Repeat, within 30 days	89	**101**
168	Electroencephalography - interpretation only	25	**30**

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177	Lumbar puncture	38	**40**
198	Directive Care- Intensive Care	22	**26**
224	Initial assessment and institution of care	221	**243**
225	Daily rate per day	35	**39**
226	Intensive care, requiring detention	50	**55**
2501	Hospital Care - Admission	81	**85**
2502	Hospital Care - 2nd day to 30th day, per day	39	**43**
2504	Hospital Care - after 30 days, per day	24	**28**
2503	Hospital Care - Date of Discharge	42	**46**
2646	Visual evoked potential	15	**17**
9141	Care for complex patients in OPD	73	**80**
NEUROSURGERY			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
62	Directive Care	18	**26**
198	Directive Care- Intensive Care	22	**26**
1508	Initial assessment and institution of care	221	**225**
1513	Daily rate, per day	39	**43**
2391	Hospital Care - Admission	75	**79**
2392	Hospital Care - 2nd day to 30th day, per day	18	**22**
2394	Hospital Care - after 30 days, per day	12	**16**
2393	Hospital Care - Date of Discharge	28	**32**
OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
48	Office visit - Non referred first visit	59	**75**
50	Office visit - Follow-up	41	**56**
54	Major or regional Consultation	71	**98**
56	Repeat, within 30 days	56	**81**
58	Obstetrical delivery (complicated or uncomplicated)	516	**590**
166	Directive Care	39	**43**
835	Laparoscopic assisted vaginal	500	**560**
1400	D & C for incomplete or missed abortion	100	**125**
1413	Multiple births, add	226	**276**
1419	Abscess of vulva, Bartholin or Skene's gland. Incision and drainage	38	**50**
1420	Marsupialization	100	**130**
1458	Hysterectomy Subtotal	304	**355**
2411	Hospital Care - Admission	58	**62**
2412	Hospital Care - 2nd day to 30th day, per day	39	**43**

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2414	Hospital Care - after 30 days, per day	25	**29**
2413	Hospital Care - Date of Discharge	42	**46**
2977	Endoscopy Hysteroscopy – Diagnostic	100	**130**
8182	Active co-management of labour	261	**300**
8183	Standby for labour	170	**250**
8701	Caesarean section	598	**725**
8702	Caesarean hysterectomy, subtotal or total	690	**900**
8703	Assisted vaginal delivery	582	**650**
8706	Gynecology Procedures	113	**115**
8728	OPD Clinic Visit	35	**49**
9017	Hysterectomy - Total Laparoscopic	500	**550**
9029	Standby for delivery	99	**250**
9408	Pregnancy OPD Scheduled Visit	35	**49**
OPHTHALMOLOGY			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
57	Directive Care	39	**43**
64	Office visit - Non referred first visit	61	**79**
66	Office visit - Follow-up	32	**57**
69	Major or regional Consultation	84	**99**
71	Repeat, within 30 days	60	**81**
198	Directive Care - Intensive Care	22	**26**
282	Other Referral - Complete Ophthalmological Exam	83	**99**
1603	Excision ptergyum	102	**204**
1613	Penetrating wounds to the cornea	500	**750**
1615	Superficial keratectomy	231	**330**
1616 **(Desc. change)**	Lamellar keratoplasty (auto or cadaveric) *Medicare note: Limbal stem cell transplant (LSCT) should be billed under service code 1616.*	385	**673**
1617 **(Desc. change)**	Penetrating keratoplasty (cadaveric)	619	**792**
1621	Penetrating wounds to the sclera	500	**750**
1624	Trichiasis Epilation	8	**20**
1643	Enucleation of eyeball - Without implant	192	**600**
1644	Enucleation of eyeball - With implant +/- attachment of muscles	231	**600**
1646	Evisceration of ocular contents - Without implant	192	**600**
1647	Evisceration of ocular contents - With implant +/- attachment of muscles	231	**600**
1655	Strabismus Surgery (one of more muscles)	600	**750**

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1657	Orbital Abscess I&D	154	**600**
1658	Orbital Exploration	385	**600**
1659	Removal of Orbital Tumour/Lesion	385	**600**
1662	Orbitotomy for foreign body	231	**600**
2415	Chalazion/Tarsal Cyst (General)	38	**125**
2195	Tarsorrhaphy	115	**150**
2196	Repair Full Thickness Eyelid Injury	154	**308**
2227	Repair Lid Laceration	46	**92**
2266	Ptosis, Levator resection or suspension, unilateral	225	**320**
2268	Full Thickness Horizontal Shortening for Ectropion/Entropion	150	**200**
2421	Hospital Care - Admission	59	**63**
2422	Hospital Care - 2nd day to 30th day, per day	39	**43**
2424	Hospital Care - after 30 days, per day	25	**29**
2423	Hospital Care - Date of Discharge	42	**46**
8729	OPD Visit	32	**43**
9437	Ptosis, bilateral	450	**640**
2389	Penetrating graft combined with cataract extraction (Service code removed)	600	N/A

ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY

(Refer to the section 7 of the memo for details on unit increases in Chapter 8)

Service Code	Specialty/Description	Old Units	New Units
63	Directive Care	39	**43**
76	Office visit - Non referred first visit	69	**92**
78	Office visit - Follow-up	53	**75**
81	Major or regional consultation	88	**104**
83	Repeat, within 30 days	75	**95**
2431	Hospital Care - Admission	59	**63**
2432	Hospital Care - 2nd day to 30th day, per day	39	**43**
2434	Hospital Care - after 30 days, per day	25	**29**
2433	Hospital Care - Date of Discharge	42	**46**
8730	OPD Visit	35	**44**

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Service Code	Specialty/Description	Old Units	New Units
52	Directive Care	39	**43**
102	Office visit - Non referred first visit	56	**60**
104	Office visit - Follow-up	39	**43**
107	Major or regional consultation	86	**90**

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109	Repeat, within 30 days	70	**76**
198	Directive Care - Intensive Care	22	**26**
240	Tonsillectomy	138	**206**
697	Tracheostomy	250	**375**
1678	Myringotomy - Unilateral	44	**66**
1679	Myringotomy - Bilateral	88	**132**
1728	Microlaryngoscopy	36	**54**
2441	Hospital Care - Admission	63	**67**
2442	Hospital Care - 2nd day to 30th day, per day	39	**43**
2444	Hospital Care - after 30 days, per day	27	**31**
2443	Hospital Care - Date of Discharge	42	**46**
2877	Daily rate - Specialist	39	**43**
8731	OPD Visit	30	**36**
PAEDIATRICS			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
68	Directive Care	39	**43**
85	Office visit - Non referred first visit	84	**125**
87	Office visit - Follow-up	62	**96**
90	Office visit - Major Chronic Health Problems	105	**139**
91	Neurodevelopmental Exam	237	**320**
93	Major or regional consultation	164	**220**
94	Repeat, within 30 days	132	**188**
198	Directive Care - Intensive Care	22	**26**
237	Intensive care requiring detention	50	**55**
247	Initial assessment and institution of care	230	**253**
248	Daily Rate	45	**50**
1830	ICU Care - Transfer	87	**96**
2451	Hospital Care - Admission	165	**169**
2453	Hospital Care - 2nd day to 30th day, per day	39	**43**
2455	Hospital Care - after 30 days, per day	27	**31**
8214	Hospital Care - Date of Discharge	42	**46**
8732	OPD Visit	105	**139**
PHYSICAL MEDICINE			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
98	Directive Care	39	**43**
202	Major or regional consultation	120	**134**
287	Repeat, within 30 days	99	**111**

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288	Office visit - Non referred first visit	90	**105**
290	Office visit - Follow-up	69	**90**
302	Electromyography Major	60	**72**
303	Electromyography Minor	30	**42**
2491	Hospital Care - Admission	81	**85**
2492	Hospital Care - 2nd day to 30th day, per day	39	**43**
2494	Hospital Care - after 30 days, per day	27	**31**
2493	Hospital Care - Date of Discharge	42	**46**
8733	OPD Visit	62	**70**
PLASTIC SURGERY			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
80	Directive Care	39	**43**
305	Major or regional consultation	74	**75**
2461	Hospital Care - Admission	54	**58**
2462	Hospital Care - 2nd day to 30th day, per day	39	**43**
2464	Hospital Care - after 30 days, per day	24	**28**
2463	Hospital Care - Date of Discharge	42	**46**
2876	Initial assessment - Specialist	221	**243**
2877	Daily Rate - Specialist	39	**43**
2846	Breast mound creation by prosthesis and/or soft tissue Unilateral	392	**396**
9439	Breast mound creation by prosthesis and/or soft tissue Bilateral	784	**792**
PSYCHIATRY			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
59	Directive Care	109	**113**
321	Major or regional consultation	220	**252**
322	Repeat, within 30 days	136	**179**
324	Office visit - Non referred first visit	135	**230**
325	Office visit - Follow-up	68	**120**
331	Psychiatric care	46	**53**
333	Electroconvulsive therapy	70	**109**
340	Diagnostic and/or therapeutic interview	53	**62**
2471	Hospital Care - Admission	214	**218**
2472	Hospital Care - 2nd day to 30th day, per day	39	**43**
2474	Hospital Care - after 30 days, per day	26	**30**
2473	Hospital Care - Date of Discharge	42	**46**
8301	Transfer Code Hospital care	80	**219**

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9145	Child consult, add	50	**73**
9146	Senior consult, add	50	**73**
9354	Court Attendance/Travel, per 15 minutes or part there of	47	**75**
RESPIROLOGY			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
8241	Directive Care	39	**43**
8242	Office visit - Non-referred first visit	87	**89**
8245	Office visit - Follow-up	58	**64**
8312	Hospital Care - Admission	90	**94**
8313	Hospital Care - 2nd day to 30th day, per day	39	**43**
8314	Hospital Care - after 30 days, per day	25	**29**
8246	Hospital Care - Date of Discharge	42	**46**
RHEUMATOLOGY			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
8315	Major or regional consultation	132	**140**
8316	Repeat, within 30 days	101	**109**
8344	Office visit - Non referred first visit	100	**117**
8347	Office visit - Follow up	85	**106**
8317	Hospital Care - Admission	91	**95**
8318	Hospital Care - 2nd day to 30th day, per day	39	**43**
8319	Hospital Care - after 30 days, per day	26	**30**
8342	Directive Care	39	**43**
8343	Hospital Care - Date of Discharge	*42*	***46***
THORACIC SURGERY			
9399	Hospital Care - Admission	54	**62**
9400	Hospital Care - 2nd day to 30th day, per day	35	**43**
9401	Hospital Care - after 30 days, per day	21	**29**
9402	Hospital Care - Date of Discharge	38	**46**
UROLOGY			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
97	Directive Care	39	**43**
343	Major or regional consultation	73	**74**
345	Repeat, within 30 days	60	**61**
346	Office visit - Non referred first visit	62	**64**
349	Office visit - Follow-up	42	**44**
2481	Hospital Care - Admission	56	**60**
2482	Hospital Care - 2nd day to 30th day, per day	39	**43**

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2484	Hospital Care - after 30 days, per day	24	**28**
2483	Hospital Care - Date of Discharge	42	**46**
2877	Daily Rate - Specialist	39	**43**
VASCULAR SURGERY			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
2833	Initial assessment and institution of care	221	**243**
2834	Daily Rate	39	**43**
9369	Directive Care	39	**43**
9374	Hospital Care - Admission	58	**62**
9375	Hospital Care - 2nd day to 30th day, per day	39	**43**
9376	Hospital Care - after 30 days, per day	25	**29**
9377	Hospital Care - Date of Discharge	42	**46**
MEDICAL ONCOLOGY			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
9675	Hospital Care - Admission	95	**99**
9676	Hospital Care - 2nd day to 30th day, per day	39	**43**
9677	Hospital Care - after 30 days, per day	26	**30**
9678	Hospital Care - Date of Discharge	42	**46**
DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
4102	Directive Care	39	**43**
NUCLEAR MEDICINE			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
4102	Directive Care	39	**43**

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7. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES, SERVICE CODE DESCRIPTIONS AND OTHER CHANGES TO EXISTING SERVICE CODES

a) Chapter 7

Effective April 1, 2026, the following service codes and units have been revised and/or updated:

CHAPTER 7 – INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
355	Abscess - Subcutaneous - Local anaesthetic	20	**26**
356	Abscess - Subcutaneous - General anaesthetic	31	**40**
357	Abscess - Perianal or pilonidal - local anaesthetic	20	**26**
358	Abscess - Perianal or pilonid - General anaesthetic	109	**142**
359	Abscess - Ischiorectal – simple incision, local anaesthetic	20	**26**
360	Abscess - Ischiorectal – Unroofing - complete care	133	**173**
372	Pilonidal disease - simple excision and/or marsupialization	182	**237**
376	Resection of portion of nail, nailbed or matrix	77	**100**
377	Removal of nail, incl. destruction of nailbed & shortening of phalanx	77	**100**
378	lipoma - simple removal	52	**85**
404	Breast abscess	99	**129**
407	Lumpectomy or partial mastectomy	218	**355**
408	Mastectomy simple or subcutaneous	285	**400**
409	Mastectomy modified radical with axillary dissection	502	**665**
410	Gynecomastia correction	187	**243**
1900	Aspiration of cyst of breast	15	**20**
2450	Biopsy of breast including FNA	35	**46**
2924	Lumpectomy with Axillary dissection	513	**580**
9462	Post op bleed after mastectomy	250	**325**

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b) Chapter 8

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CHAPTER 8 – MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
618	Repair of tendon - Achilles	269	**420**
620	Repair of tendon - Quadriceps	313	**420**
1840	IM locking nails	460	**640**
1998 (Desc. change)	Extosis of small or large bone	198	**212**
2068	Extosis of large bone (Service code removed)	212	**N/A**
2608	Osteotomy - Radius & Ulna	497	**760**
2613	Osteotomy - Femur	528	**703**
2678	Open reduction internal fixation to include flexible nails	410	**630**
2708	Clavicle Open reduction internal fixation	286	**370**
2825	Repair of tendon - Patellar	313	**420**
8169	Osteotomy - Fibula	198	**271**
8170	Osteotomy - Hip (Pertrochanteric)	552	**760**
8184	Lengthening of long bone (single operative procedure)	561	**800**
8208	Heterotopic Bone excision for joint ankylosis	506	**674**
8239	Bi-malleolar with open reduction internal fixation of posterior malleolus	490	**757**
8391	Tarso-metatarsal (Lisfranc) Closed	62	**150**
8691	Removal of internal fixation appliances in conjunction with arthroplasty, add	115	**150**
8697	Removal of internal fixation appliances in conjunction with arthroplasty, add	115	**150**
8712	Excision of fascia for plantar fibromatosis	259	**462**
8713	Excision of fascia for plantar fibromatosis and skin graft or revision	336	**550**
8748 (Desc. change)	Lengthening of achilles tendon open or closed	154	**210**
8757 (Desc. change)	Abductor tendon avulsion repair, hip (1-2 suture anchors or tunneling) (Isolated procedure)	353	**682**
8758	Rotator cuff repair - with 3 or more suture anchors	556	**682**
8775	Removal of internal fixation appliances in conjunction with arthroplasty, add	115	**150**
8792	Osteotomy - Calcaneus	383	**461**

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8903	Bunionectomy with soft tissue correction, tenotomy and distal osteotomy of first metatarsal all inclusive	273	**300**
8905	Arthroplasty first metatarsal phalangeal joint (interpositional "Cartiva – like" device or hemiarthroplasty)	259	**300**
9233	Open reduction internal fixation Monteggia with ORIF of radial head	450	**700**
9730 (New service code)	Abductor tendon avulsion repair, hip (Greater than 3 suture anchors or tunneling)	New	**808**

c) Chapter 9

Effective April 1 2026, the following service codes and units have been revised and/or updated:

CHAPTER 9 – RESPIRATORY SYSTEM			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
724	Tube thoracostomy with water seal for pneumothorax or effussion	38	**200**

d) Chapter 11

Effective April 1 2026, the following service codes and units have been revised and/or updated:

CHAPTER 11 – HAEMIC AND LYMPHATIC SYSTEMS			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
843	Sentinel node solo procedure	374	**486**
844	Sentinel node Biopsy in conjunction with another procedure – add on	214	**320**
865	Splenectomy	500	**650**
875	Dissection of inguinal glands	273	**355**
876	Radical dissection of axillary glands	412	**536**
877	Radical dissection of inguinal glands including iliac glands	400	**520**
878	Radical dissection of inguinal and iliac glands, bilateral	600	**780**
879	Lymph node Biopsy – cervical, axillary, inguinal Scalene	83	**100**

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e) **Chapter 12**

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CHAPTER 12 – DIGESTIVE SYSTEM			
Service Code	**Specialty/Description**	**Old Units**	**New Units**
802	Proctectomy/Pelvic Pouch procedure	1,108	**1440**
955	Heller Procedure	462	**950**
970	Oesophageal hiatus hernia - abdominal approach	385	**900**
971	Hiatus hernia plus cholecystectomy	555	**1200**
972	Hiatial hernia Transthoracic approach	500	**1200**
977	Transabdominal repair of diaphragmatic rupture	500	**780**
989	Gastrotomy with removal of tumor or foreign body	254	**330**
991	Simple tube gastrostomy	300	**390**
996	Gastrectomy – wedge resection for ulcer	360	**468**
997	Gastrectomy Partial or subtotal	679	**883**
998	Gastrectomy Plus repair of hiatus hernia	593	**1300**
999	Gastrectomy After previous gastroenterostomy or partial gastrectomy	700	**910**
1001	Total gastrectomy	800	**1040**
1002	Excision of gastroduodenal lesion (recurrent ulcer)	593	**771**
1004	Excision of gastrojejunal lesion (recurrent ulcer)	593	**771**
1008	Sleeve Gastrectomy	834	**1084**
1009	Pyloroplasty	360	**468**
1010	Plus vagotomy	501	**651**
1011	Gastroduodenostomy, gastrojejunostomy, or gastrogastrostomy	360	**468**
1012	Gastroduodenostomy, gastrojejunostomy, or gastrogastrostomy plus vagotomy	501	**651**
1013	Pyloroplasty or gastroenterostomy with vagotomy and hiatal hernia	508	**660**
1015	Closure of gastrostomy of other external fistula of stomach	204	**265**
1016	Closure of perforated ulcer or wound of stomach	450	**585**
1017	Closure of gastrocolic or gastrojejunocolic fistula One stage	593	**771**
1021	Ileostomy or jejunostomy (with tube)	419	**545**
1023	Colostomy	419	**545**
1025	Caecostomy, as single procedure	355	**462**

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1026	Enterotomy or colostomy	305	**397**
1030	Local excision of lesion of small intestine	305	**397**
1031	Enterectomy – small intestine	472	**614**
1034	Terminal ileum, caecum and ascending colon	600	**780**
1035	Partial colectomy	564	**733**
1036	Right hemi	600	**780**
1037	Total colectomy With ileostomy or anastomosis	1,003	**1304**
1038	Total colectomy with APR, single team	1062	**1800**
1039	Total colectomy with APR, two team, first surgeon	1003	**1500**
1040	Total colectomy with APR, two team, second surgeon	354	**500**
1042	obstruction Without resection	454	**590**
1043	obstruction With resection	590	**767**
1045	Enteroenterostomy	339	**441**
1047	Faecal fistula, radical with resection	465	**605**
1048	Revision of ileostomy or colostomy	109	**142**
1049	Closure of perforation	349	**454**
1051	In conjunction with abdominal surgery, add 1051	75	**98**
1053	Closure of loop stoma/colostomy +/- resection	413	**537**
1058	Meckel's diverticulum	360	**468**
1059	Local excision of mesentery lesion	360	**468**
1060	Resection of mesentery	360	**468**
1061	Appendix Drainage of abscess, complete care	354	**460**
1062	Appendectomy	363	**472**
1064	Proctotomy – with exploration	92	**120**
1065	With decompression (imperforate anus)	92	**120**
1066	With drainage (perirectal abscess)	92	**120**
1067	Pelvic abscess – drainage	150	**195**
1068	Anterior resection	848	**1102**
1070	APR Single team	1,003	**1304**
1071	APR two team 1st surgeon	944	**1227**
1072	APR two team 2nd surgeon	354	**460**
1074	Hartmann procedure	590	**767**
1078	Diagnostic laparotomy with the finding of non-resectable cancer	162	**211**
1079	Proctosigmoidectomy for prolapse	600	**780**
1082	Biopsy of rectosigmoid for Hirschsprung's disease	62	**81**
1085	Excision of mucous membrane	154	**200**
1086	Repair rectum Perineal approach	360	**468**
1087	Repair rectum Abdominal approach	620	**806**
1089	Suture rectum External approach	241	**313**
1090	Suture rectum Intraperitoneal approach	400	**520**

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1091	Slosure of rectovaginal fistula	339	**441**
1092	Closure of Rectovesical fistula	339	**441**
1093	Thrombosed haemorrhoid Local anaesthetic	23	**30**
1095	Local excision of anal lesion or malignancy (including sphincterotomy)	109	**142**
1096	Haemmorhoidectomy	182	**237**
1097	Anal polyp, haemorrhoidectomy tags	46	**60**
1098	Fistula – Low Level	182	**237**
1099	Fistula-in-ano high level	327	**425**
1100	Anal Biopsy – general anaesthesia	92	**120**
1105	Anoplasty for stenosis	185	**241**
1107	Plus repair of anorectal ring	300	**390**
1110	Abdominoperineal repair	508	**660**
1119	Electrodesiccation of condylomata	91	**118**
1122	Liver Drainage of abscess or cyst	360	**468**
1123	Liver Removal of foreign body	360	**468**
1124	Incision and packing of wound	360	**468**
1128	Marsupialization of cyst or abscess	360	**468**
1129	Rupture or wound	360	**468**
1130	Cholecystostomy	300	**390**
1131	Cholecystoenterostomy, including enteroenterostomy	400	**520**
1133	Cholecystogastrostomy	305	**397**
1134	Choledochoduodenostomy or choledochoenterostomy	508	**660**
1135	Common bile duct exploration	480	**624**
1136	With duodenotomy, sphincterotomy	600	**780**
1137	Excision Lesion of hepatic ducts	465	**605**
1138	Choledochoscopy in addition to bile duct surgery, add	60	**78**
1140	Cholecystectomy (by laparoscopy or laparotomy)	400	**520**
1141	With operative cholangiogram	480	**624**
1142	Cholecystectomy and exploration of bile duct	496	**645**
1144	Cholecystectomy and exploration of bile duct, plus duodenotomy	619	**805**
1145	Surgical reconstruction of common bile duct	800	**1040**
1146	Closure of fistula	423	**550**
1147	Pancreatotomy	425	**553**
1148	Pancreatic abscess or cyst	500	**650**
1149	Pancreatectomy – total	2,000	**2600**
1150	Local excision of lesion	407	**529**
1151	Distal or segmental pancreatectomy +/- splenectomy	900	**1170**
1152	Pancreaticoduodenal resection (Whipple type operation)	2,000	**2600**
1153	Excision pancreatic cyst	407	**529**

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1155	Pancreatic cystoduodenostomy (by laparotomy)	750	**975**
1156	Pancreatic cystojejunostomy Side to side	510	**663**
1157	Marsupialization of cyst	425	**553**
1158	Laparotomy +/- biopsy	227	**295**
1159	Peritoneal abscess – drainage of subphrenic abscess	305	**397**
1160	Intraabdominal abscess, other	300	**390**
1161	Drainage of abdominal wall abscess, general anaesthetic	46	**60**
1166	Retroperitoneal tumor	437	**568**
1167	Mesenteric cyst	231	**300**
1169	Peritoneoscopy (laparoscopy)	177	**230**
1178	Umbilical hernia — Adult	300	**390**
1179	Umbilical hernia — Under 16	200	**260**
1182	Diaphragmatic hernia	424	**551**
1183	Diaphragmatic hernia — With prosthesis	465	**605**
1184	Incisional or ventral hernia — Repair by suture	327	**425**
1185	Incisional or ventral hernia — Repair by prosthesis	364	**473**
1186	Epigastric hernia	218	**283**
1187	Strangulated or incarcerated hernia — Without resection	400	**520**
1188	Strangulated or incarcerated hernia — With resection	590	**767**
1189	Secondary closure for evisceration	408	**530**
1953	Biopsy – needle	38	**49**
1980	Band ligation	50	**53**
2181	Parietal cell vagotomy for peptic ulcer	508	**660**
2182	Revision of gastrectomy plus Roux-en-y anastomosis, interposition of jejunal loop or reverse jejunal loop	700	**910**
2185	Full thickness Revision of ileostomy or colostomy	349	**454**
2186	Colonic reconstruction – following end stoma	708	**920**
2188	Removal of deep infected sutures (not applicable to operating surgeon during postoperative period)	92	**120**
2342	Recurrent hiatus hernia abdominal or transthoracic	539	**1400**
2416	Initial Management of Multiple Systems Trauma	120	**156**
2456	Multiple system trauma – laparotomy for acute trauma	400	**520**
2547	Transhoraacic apprroach with gastroplasty or fundal placation	515	**1300**
2548	Recurrent hiatus hernia thoracoabdominal approach	639	**1800**
2553	Any of the above plus vagotomy	127	**165**
2556	Left hemicolectomy	682	**887**
2558	Revision of intestinal bypass	462	**601**
2560	Transrectal excision of advanced adenoma or malignancy of rectum	313	**407**
2561	Posterior approach for excision of rectal lesion with resection of sacrococcygeal segment	313	**407**

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2573	Excision of gallbladder remnant or cystic duct remnant	500	**650**
2575	With exploration of common bile duct and Cholangiogram	636	**827**
2577	Hepatojejunostomy	786	**1022**
2579	Bilateral – one primary, one recurrent	697	**906**
2583	Recurrent incisional or ventral	431	**560**
2584	Incisional or ventral hernia — With prosthesis	472	**614**
2585	Repair of ventral hernia at same session as a definitive intra-abdominal procedure, add	153	**199**
2850	Rectal disimpaction	23	**30**
2987	Nutritional jejunostomy, in conjunction with other abdominal surgery, add	75	**98**
2989	Biopsy with abdominal surgery	64	**83**
8090	Debridement of Wounds	58	**75**
8114	Oesophageal hiatus hernia - laparoscopic nissen fundoplication	385	**900**
8122	Gastric banding	569	**740**
8123	Bariatric Roux-en-Y	872	**1134**
8124	Bilio Pancreatic diversion	1,000	**1300**
8127	Component separation for complicated recurrent hernia repair with mesh	800	**1040**
9147	TEMS (Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgery)	615	**800**
9409	Post op bleed (stand alone procedure)	350	**455**
9500	Advancement flap or ligation of intersphincteric fistula tract for fistula-in-ano	327	**425**
9502	Laparoscopic or laparoscopic assisted	365	**475**
9503	Partial lobectomy (excision greater than 5 cm)	447	**581**
9504	Laparoscopic or laparoscopic assisted	559	**727**
9505	One or two liver segments	1,089	**1416**
9506	Laparoscopic or laparoscopic assisted	1,361	**1769**
9507	Three or four liver segments	1,261	**1639**
9508	Laparoscopic or laparoscopic assisted	1,576	**2049**
9509	Five or more liver segments	1,480	**1924**
9510	Laparoscopic or laparoscopic assisted	1,850	**2405**
9511	Inguinal or femoral (± mesh) — Single	306	**398**
9512	Inguinal or femoral (± mesh) — Bilateral	612	**796**
9513	Inguinal or femoral (± mesh) — Recurrent single	391	**508**
9514	Inguinal or femoral (± mesh) — Recurrent Bilateral	782	**1017**

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Addendum 1

Electronic Consultation (eConsult) Program

The Electronic Consultation (eConsult) Program is a service administered by the Department of Health, which enables a referring healthcare provider to receive a consultant's opinion, advice or recommendation, through the digital asynchronous **eHealthNB platform**, reducing wait times for a major consultation, where appropriate. It is intended for situations that do not require a direct consultation between a physician and patient.

As part of the 2025-2029 Physician Services Agreement, and replacing the guidelines provided in the October 14, 2024, eConsult memo, the Department of Health and the New Brunswick Medical Society have agreed to the following:

- Referring provider - Implementation of a new asynchronous "**eConsult Referring Provider**" service code
- eConsult Consultant – enhancement to existing service code 1842

In order to be billed, the eConsult (consultation and referral) **must occur through the eHealthNB** platform. The required supporting medical documentation for the eConsult must be entered into the **eHealthNB** platform.

All other existing criteria outlined in the Physicians' Manual in ***Chapter 3, Section 1.2.4***, must be met and documented.
Effective March 12, 2026, the following new **eConsult Referring Provider** service code is available to be billed:

- **Service Code:** 9720
- **Fee:** 25 units
- **Rate:** $1.00 per unit
- **Locations :** 1 (Office), 0 (Other)
- **After-Hours Emergency Premium:** Not applicable.
- **Add-on service codes:** Not applicable

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Effective March 12, 2026, the existing **eConsult Consulting Provider** fee and service description has been updated:

- **Service Code:** 1842
- **Fee:** 50 units per 15 minutes or part thereof
- **Rate:** $1.00 per unit
- **Locations :** 1 (Office), 0 (Other)
- **After-Hours Emergency Premium:** Not applicable.
- **Add-on service codes:** Not applicable
- **Referring provider number**, referral type and referral date (date submitted) are required.
- **Start and end time are required** - The start time is when the specialist first opens the Consult, and the end time is when it is closed. The end time may fall on a different date due to ongoing communication. Only the specialist's actual time spent on the Consult is billable; the recorded open-to-close duration is not used for remuneration.

Medicare Note: The* eConsult *referral (service code 9720) does not apply when an electronic consultation (service code 1842) has been billed and leads to a referral. In these situations, the referral is already included in the electronic consulting fee.

Eligible specialties for eConsult Consulting Provider code:

Anaesthesia, Dermatology, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Geriatric Medicine, Hematology, Neurology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Orthopedics, Pediatric Medicine, Psychiatry, General Internal Medicine, Cardiology, and Ophthalmology.

*** If your specialty is not listed but you wish to participate, please contact eConsult@gnb.ca**

An eConsult (consultation or referral) is **not applicable for payment** if:

- The purpose is to arrange transfer of care.
- The communication is to arrange another service (e.g., face-to-face consultation or procedure).
- A face-to-face non-urgent consultation, assessment, or procedure occurs on the same day or the following day.
- Multiple exchanges regarding the same issue that occur over several days are considered one consult/referral and only one consultation/referralmay be billed.

Salaried Physicians:

- eConsults completed **during regular salaried hours must be shadow billed**.

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- eConsults completed **after-hours** require completion of the **Written Declaration Form (WDF)**
    - Question 1(a): Indicate *"after-hours eConsults"*
    - Question 1(b): Provide details of regular working hours only

*** eConsult's do not apply to patients as a result of a visit that occurred during regular salaried hours.**

All existing criteria outlined in the Physicians' Manual in Chapter 3, Section 1.2.4 must be met and documented in order to bill the service codes.

For questions or clarification on the eConsult platform, please contact: **eConsult@gnb.ca**

For billing enquiries, please contact Medicare's Practitioner Enquiries at PELS.DRPL@gnb.ca, (506) 457-7572 (B), (506) 444-5876 (B), (506) 444-5860 (E), 506-261-0415 (E) or the NBMS at (506) 458-8860.

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