

# Billing Information Sheet

## Physician Remuneration for Pandemic Telephone Assessment

**Effective March 13, 2020 – until further notice**

### **510A Pandemic Telephone Assessment \$35.00**

#### OVERVIEW:

*The Saskatchewan Medical Care Insurance Act and The Saskatchewan Medical Care Insurance Beneficiary and Administration Regulations* provide the legislative authority for public funding of physician services.

For the purposes of payment, this information is applicable to fee-for-service physicians only. Physicians who are compensated by an alternate payment plan (APP), or directly by the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) are permitted to “shadow bill” these services, but no payment will be eligible.

#### BILLING INSTRUCTIONS:

Physicians can be paid for telephone assessments not restricted to diagnosis specific to COVID-19.

Service must be direct patient care by a physician via telephone.

Service is eligible by all Saskatchewan physicians providing medically required assessment services to SK beneficiaries. It is not billable to out-of-province residents or reciprocally by out-of-province physicians.

Service can be initiated by physician or patient.

Service is not restricted by SK location i.e., patient and physician may be located anywhere in SK.

Service is not eligible for any premiums or surcharges.

Service is payable for services performed by a medical learner under the supervision of a physician. Billings must include the comment: “supervision of medical learner”.

A maximum of two telephone assessments per patient per day by any physician.

Telephone assessment cannot be billed with any additional service codes.

Services provided in person must be billed according to the Payment Schedule.

Physicians are responsible to ensure appropriate documentation of the video assessment:

- Date and time of service
- Patient name
- Patient HSN
- Relevant clinical detail including symptoms, diagnosis, treatment and follow-up

All general billing inquiries can be directed to the Claims Analysis Unit at  
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