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To: Section of Neurosurgery members  
 From: Dr. Joseph Buwembo, Chair, Section of Neurosurgery  
 Dr. Shane Sheppard, Co-chair, Payment Schedule Review Committee

Date: March 20, 2020

**Re: April 1, 2020 Payment Schedule Changes**

We are providing you with information on upcoming changes to the *Payment Schedule* that will become effective on April 1, 2020.

The Saskatchewan Medical Association is collaborating with the Ministry of Health to modernize and update the Payment Schedule, an opportunity to review existing fee codes and bring them in line with current practice. The Section of Neurosurgery has initiated work on Payment Schedule Modernization- several proposed fee code changes were approved by the conjoint Ministry/SMA Payment Schedule Review Committee (PSRC) in January 2020 and subsequently approved by the Minister of Health.

Fee Code	Current Rate	% Increase	New Rate – effective April 2020
9K	\$122.00	27.05%	\$155.00
25K	\$34.00	38.53%	\$47.10
26K	\$30.00	37.33%	\$41.20
27K	\$30.00	37.33%	\$41.20
28K	\$30.00	37.33%	\$41.20

Funding for the increases to these fee codes will come from changing 331K (Team Spinal Surgery) from 50% of First Surgeons Claim to 45%. This proposal was agreed to by the Section members.

On behalf of the Section and the Payment Schedule Review Committee, we would like to thank you for agreeing to these recommendations. The Section and SMA staff will continue to work with MSB on Payment Schedule Modernization for October 1, 2020, and we will keep you involved and informed as the recommendations are developed.

If you have any questions about this information, please contact Dr. Buwembo or Mr. Mark Ceaser.

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