

# Billing Information Sheet

## Extended/After-hours Remuneration for Community-Based Family Physicians

**Effective May 1, 2023 - until further notice**

### **891B Extended/After-hours office-based visit payment \$12.00**

This service code is billable when the following General Practice (B Section) visit services are provided in a community-based office between 5pm-8am on weekdays, all-day weekends and statutory holidays:

- 3B, 4B, 5B, 8B, 9B, 11B, 15B, 40B, 42B, 43B, 55B, 64B, 150B, 163B, 205B, 206B, and 207B.

### **899B Extended/After-hours virtual care visit payment \$8.00**

This service code is billable when the following General Practice (B Section) virtual care visit services are provided via telephone or secure video between 5pm-8am on weekdays, all-day weekends and stat holidays:

- 805B, 809B, 811B, 840B, 855B, and 864B.

For the purposes of payment, this information is applicable to community-based fee-for-service family physicians providing extended/after-hours visit services in an office location.

### **BILLING INFORMATION:**

These two temporary extended/after-hours service codes are billable by Saskatchewan licensed fee-for-service family physicians when providing certain visit services to Saskatchewan beneficiaries, as specified above.

- They are billable with scheduled visits or walk-in visits in an office location.
- 891B is billable with in-person visit services provided to out-of-province residents, but not reciprocally by out-of-province physicians.
- They are not eligible for any premiums or surcharges.
- They are not billable when the visit service has not been performed personally by the physician.
- **The 10% after-hours 'F' premium is still applicable to services provided in an office location during the hours of 7pm-7am on weekdays, weekends and statutory holidays.**

In-person visit services must be medically required and billed in accordance with the *Payment Schedule For Insured Services Provided by a Physician*.

Virtual care visit services must be medically required and billed in accordance with the *Virtual Care Pilot Payment Schedule For Virtual Care Services Provided by a Physician*.

Family 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.

Upon mutual agreement, the Ministry of Health and the Saskatchewan Medical Association may amend these service codes as required, including, but not limited to, suspend or cancel these items, and/or make changes to the fees to ensure financial accountability and effectiveness of the payment.

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