

April 16, 2020

NEW SSC FEE ITEMS FOR SPECIALIST PHYSICIANS

EFFECTIVE APRIL 15, 2020 [until further notice]

Two new, time-limited fees have been created for specialist physicians. Both these fees are very similar to existing SSC Fees but remove some of the billing restrictions as a response to the changing needs of the health care system during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- T10000 Urgent Specialist Advice on patient with previous visit/service Fee (similar to G10001)
- T10009 Non-urgent Specialist Advice on patient with previous visit/service Fee (similar to G10002)

Some highlights are:

- T10000 Urgent Specialist Advice allows advice to be provided regarding any patient, including those that may have had a paid visit/service for the same condition by the same practitioner in the previous 180 days.
- T10009 Non-Urgent Specialist Advice allows advice to be provided regarding any patient, including those that may have had a paid visit/service for the same condition by the same practitioner in the previous 30 days.

Full Fee Details

T10000 Urgent Specialist Advice on patient with previous visit/service – Initiated by a Specialist, General Practitioner or Health Care Practitioner. Verbal, real-time response within 2 hours of the initiating physician’s or practitioner’s request	60.00
NOTES:	
i) Payable for telephone, video technology or face to face communication only about a patient. Not payable for written communication (i.e. fax, letter, email).	
ii) Document time of initiating request, time of response, as well as advice given and to whom.	
iii) Include the practitioner number of the physician or Health Care Practitioner requesting the advice in the “referred by” field when submitting claim..	
iv) Not payable in addition to another service on the same day for the same patient by same practitioner.	
v) Limited to one claim per patient per physician per day.	
T10009 Specialist Advice for Patient Management on patient with previous visit/service – Initiated by a Specialist, General Practitioner, Allied Care Provider, or coordinator of the patient’s care. Verbal real-time response within 7 days of initiating request	40.00

April 16, 2020

NOTES:

- i) Payable for telephone, video technology or face to face communication only. Not payable for written communication (i.e. fax, letter, email).
- ii) Document time of initiating request, time of response, as well as advice given and to whom.
- iii) Include the practitioner number of the physician or Health Care Practitioner requesting the advice in the “referred by” field when submitting claim..
- iv) Not payable in addition to another service on the same day for the same patient by same practitioner.
- v) Limited to one claim per patient per physician per day and two services per patient per physician per week.

NEW SSC FEE ITEMS RELATING TO COVID-19 FOR SPECIALIST PHYSICIANS

EFFECTIVE MARCH 27, 2020 [until further notice]

Two new, time-limited fees have been created for specialist physicians. One fee is similar to an existing SSC Fee; the other is a new fee to enable specialists to delegate patient follow-up and to renew prescriptions.

- T10008 Urgent Specialist COVID-19 Advice Fee (similar to G10001)
- T10007 Specialist Email/Text/Telephone Medical Advice Relay or ReRX Fee is a new fee

Some highlights are:

- Prescription renewal billable without patient interaction under the T10007 email/text/telephone advice relay or ReRX fee.
- Increase in the number of services allowable per patient per day under T10008 Urgent Specialist COVID-19 Advice Fee
- Increased opportunity to delegate some virtual care with the use of new code T10007.

Full Fee Details

T10008 Urgent Specialist COVID-19 Advice – Initiated by a Specialist, General Practitioner or Health Care Practitioner. Verbal, real-time response within 2 hours of the initiating physician’s or practitioner’s request

60.00

NOTES:

- i) Payable for telephone, video technology or face to face communication only about a patient regarding COVID-19. Not payable for written communication (i.e. fax, letter, email).
- ii) Document time of initiating request, time of response, as well as advice given and to whom.

April 16, 2020

- iii) Include the practitioner number of the physician or Health Care Practitioner requesting the advice in the “referred by” field when submitting claim..
- iv) Not payable in addition to another service on the same day for the same patient by same practitioner.
- v) Limited to two claims per patient per physician per day.
- vi) Not payable in addition to G10001 on the same day for the same patient.

T10007 Specialist Email/Text/Telephone Medical Advice Relay or ReRX Fee

10.10

NOTES:

- i) Email/Text/Telephone Relay Medical Advice requires two-way relay/communication of medical advice from the physician to eligible patients, or the patient’s medical representative, via email/text or telephone. The task of relaying the physician advice may be delegated to any Allied Care Provider or MOA working within the physician practice.
- ii) Chart entry must record the name of the person who communicated with the patient or patient’s medical representative, as well as the advice provided, modality of communication and confirmation the advice has been received.
- iii) Payable for prescription renewals without patient interaction.
- iv) Not payable notification of appointments or referrals.
- v) Limit of one service payable per patient per day.
- vi) Not payable on the same calendar day as a visit or service fee by same physician for same patient.
- vii) Not payable to physicians working under an Alternative Payment/Funding model whose duties would otherwise include provision of this service.

There are two other new COVID-19 related fee codes that have been created for all physicians. Click [here](#) for more information about those and all other billing information and FAQs.

Email: economics@doctorsofbc.ca with billing questions.