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## NEW FP Fees related to COVID-19

### Effective March 27, 2020 (until further notice)

Three new, time-limited fees have been created for family physicians. There are two new fees that are similar to existing GPSC fees but expand accessibility and increase capacity to provide virtual care. There is one new fee to better enable communication between providers during the COVID pandemic.

- T13706 FP Delegated Patient Telehealth Management Fee (similar to G14076)
- T13707 FP Email/Text/Telephone Medical Advice Relay or ReRX Fee (similar to G14078)
- T13708 FP COVID-19 communication with specialist and/or allied care provider is a new fee.

Some highlights are:

- Prescription renewal billable without patient interaction under the T13707 email/text/telephone advice relay or ReRX fee.
- No annual limits on the number of T13706 or T13707 fee codes billable per physician
- Increased opportunity to delegate some virtual care with use of new codes T13706 or T13707, which have no annual limits. New temporary codes available to any family physician not just those who have submitted 14070/71

Read the full details of the new fees below. GPSC Billing Guides can be found [here](#).

### GPSC Billing Webinar – Tues April 7 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

These changes, along with many of the other recent changes to billing, will be covered in the **GPSC billing webinar, “April 2020 changes and COVID-19 fee changes for family physicians”**, on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

In this webinar, GPSC billing experts will review the April 1 GPSC fee changes, any COVID-19 related fee changes that affect family physicians, and Pathways tools for COVID-19 care.

Click [here](#) to register.

### Full fee details:

T13706 FP Delegated Patient Telehealth Management Fee .....\$20.00

Notes:

- i. For verbal, real-time telephone or video technology communication discussion between the patient or the patient’s medical representative and a College-certified allied care provider (e.g.: Nurse, Nurse Practitioner) *employed within* a physician’s practice. Not payable when the delegated representative is paid or funded by alternate means by a health authority or the Ministry of Health.

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- ii. Chart entry must record the name of the person who communicated with the patient or patient's medical representative, as well as capture the elements of care discussed.
- iii. Not payable for prescription renewals, anti-coagulation therapy by telephone (00043) or notification of appointments or referrals.
- iv. Only one service payable per patient per day.
- v. Not payable on the same calendar day as a visit or service fee by same physician for same patient.
- vi. Not payable to physicians working under salary, service contract or sessional arrangements whose duties would otherwise include provision of this care

**T13707 FP Email/Text/Telephone Medical Advice Relay or ReRX Fee.....\$7.00**

**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
- iii. patient or patient's medical representative, as well as the advice provided,
- iv. modality of communication and confirmation the advice has been received.
- v. Payable for prescription renewals without patient interaction.
- vi. Not payable for anti-coagulation therapy by telephone (00043) or notification of appointments or referrals.
- vii. Only one service payable per patient per day.
- viii. Not payable on the same calendar day as a visit or service fee by same physician for same patient.
- ix. Not payable to physicians working under an Alternative Payment/Funding model whose duties would otherwise include provision of this service.

**T 13708 FP COVID-19 communication with specialist and/or allied care provider.....\$40.00**

**Notes:**

- i. Payable to the Family Physician who participates in a 2 way telephone or videoconference communication with a specialist and/or allied care provider about a patient regarding COVID-19.
- ii. T13708 FP COVID-19 communication with specialist and/or allied care provider can not be delegated. No claim may be made where communication is with a proxy for either provider.
- iii. Payable in addition to any visit fee on the same day.
- iv. Not payable for communications which occur as a part of the performance of routine rounds on the patient if located in a facility, or communications which occur as part of regular work flow within a physician's community practice.
- v. Not payable in addition to PG14018 or PG14077 on the same day for the same patient.

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- vi. Not payable to physicians working under an Alternative Payment/Funding model whose duties would otherwise include provision of this service.