

Specialist Group Medical Visit (GMV) fees

What is changing on November 1, 2026

This table summarizes the main changes to Specialist GMV billing. See the updated Consultant Specialists of BC Group Medical Visit Fee Guide for the complete billing rules and fee amounts.

What is changing	What physicians need to know
In-person GMV fees	Existing Specialist GMV fee items G78763–G78781 will apply to in-person GMVs only. The in-person fees continue to provide a fee for groups greater than 20 patients.
New Specialist Telehealth GMV fees	New permanent fee items will apply to virtual GMVs (78863 – 78890). Telehealth GMVs are payable for a maximum of 30 patients per session. More than 30 patients may participate; however, payment is limited to 30 patients. Hybrid GMVs must also be billed using the Telehealth fees.
Direct 1:1 interaction – clarified requirements	A 1:1 interaction with each patient is already required. Effective November 1, the requirements are more specific: each patient must be directly asked if they have questions, or be given an opportunity to contribute about their individual symptoms, condition or experiences. The interaction must be documented in the patient chart.
Patient care documentation	Each patient must receive medically required assessment, advice and/or treatment, and this care must be documented in the patient chart.
Weekly payment limit	A new weekly limit applies: GMVs are payable to a maximum of two sessions per patient, per physician Group Practice, per week. Services above the limit may be considered when a claim note record is submitted.
Referral requirement - amended	A referral continues to be required for each patient; however, the current requirement for the referral to be active is removed.
Visit duration	A minimum of 30 minutes and a maximum of 90 minutes may be claimed per patient per day.

Participant record	A separate file must be maintained listing all participants in each group visit.
Salary, service contract or sessional arrangements	GMV fees will not be payable when a physician works under one of these arrangements and their duties would otherwise include providing the service.
Fee amounts	Per-patient, per-half-hour fee amounts are updated. See the updated Fee Guide for the applicable amounts.
Requirements that continue	What physicians need to know
Separate claim for each patient	A separate claim continues to be required for each patient.
Start and end times	Start and end times must be recorded in both the billing claim and the patient chart.
Same-day and concurrent billing	Restrictions on same-day services for the same patient and concurrent billing for other MSP services continue to apply.
Two physicians involved	When two physicians are involved, the group continues to be divided for claims purposes, with each physician claiming the appropriate rate per patient for the reduced group size. Each claim should indicate "Group medical visit" and also identify the other physician.
Group psychotherapy	Specialist GMV fees continue not to apply to the listed group psychotherapy services.