



MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

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Amendment to the Medical Services Commission Payment Schedule

In accordance with Section 26(3) of the *Medicare Protection Act*, the following modification to the Payment Schedule has been approved by the Medical Services Commission, effective March 29, 2020

New Fee Item:

The following new fee item has been approved on a temporary basis. The cancellation date will be determined by the Provincial Health Officer and will be reflected in a subsequent Minute.

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T10050 COVID-19 Perioperative Complexity Surcharge60.00

Notes:

- i) Payable for surgeries where the patient has been assessed in accordance with the BCCDC and Ministry of Health Infection Prevention and Control Protocol for Surgical Procedures during COVID-19 (Adult, Pediatric and Obstetrical), and falls into the yellow or red risk categories.
- ii) This fee includes time spent donning and doffing personal protective equipment.
- iii) Payable only for procedures performed under general anesthesia which require airway management.
- iv) Restricted to surgeons, surgical assistants, and anesthesiologists.
- v) Must be billed by the same physician in addition to one of the following:
 - a) a surgical procedure
 - b) surgical assist
 - c) intensity and complexity level fee item.
- vi) Maximum of one surcharge per surgeon/anesthesiologist/surgical assistant per operation unless two surgeons perform two synchronous surgeries, or two anesthesiologists or two surgical assistants are required for clinical reasons.
- vii) If a patient requires more than one operation on the same day under separate anesthetics, the fee may be billed again by all perioperative team members if the criteria are met.

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- viii) *Not payable to physicians working under salary, service contract or sessional arrangements.*
- ix) *Out-of-Office Hours operative surcharges (01210, 01211 and 01212) are not to be paid on the modifier.*
- x) *Surgical fee modifiers are excluded from the calculation for total operative fee(s) for which surgical assist fees are based.*



Dr. Robert Halpenny
Chair
Medical Services Commission

Dated this 25th day of September AD 20 20 .