INFOBulletin

Keeping health care providers informed of payment, policy or program changes

To: Eligible Patient Enrolment Models (PEM):
• Community Sponsored Agreement Blended Salary Model (BSM)
• Family Health Network – Rural and General (FHN)
• Family Health Organization (FHO)
• Group Health Centre (GHC)
• St. Josephs Health Centre (St. Josephs)

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Re: Family Physicians Special Visit to Emergency Department

Background
Effective October 1, 2009, special visit premium codes K998A and K999A were added to the Schedule of Benefits to cover Saturday, Sunday and Holidays:

- **K998A** Special Visit to Hospital Emergency Department Saturday, Sunday and Holidays (07:00 - 24:00): First Patient Seen, and
- **K999A** Special Visit to Hospital Emergency Department: Additional Patients

**Emergency Department Exemption Expanded to include K998A and K999A**
When a K990A - K997A fee code is billed by a **FHN, FHO, GHC or BSM** physician with included codes, during the same service encounter, the included codes will be processed as excluded codes and will pay at the Fee for Service (FFS) value. This logic is now extended to the K998A and K999A fee codes, retroactive to October 1, 2009.

**Claim Reconciliation for Emergency Department Exemption:**
Any included codes billed during the same service encounter with K998A – K999A fee codes with service dates greater than or equal to October 1, 2009 will be reprocessed in the claims system to pay full FFS. Following the reconciliation where the shadow billed claims have been adjusted to pay FFS, the 10% premium on the claim will be recovered from the Blended FFS Premium.
K998A and K999A fee codes and the accompanying services, delivered on the same day, are exempt from outside use accumulations for the rostering physician. Any adjustments to outside use will be reflected on the Remittance Advice (RA). This reconciliation is tentatively scheduled for the November 2010 RA.

**Expansion of Excluded K99 Series of Emergency Department Codes:**
The excluded code lists for St. Josephs, GHC, and BSM have been expanded to include K998A and K999A. This change will permit these groups to be paid full FFS for the K998A and K999A.

**Claim Reconciliation:**
K998A – K999A fee codes billed with service dates greater than or equal to October 1, 2009 will be reprocessed in the claims system to pay full FFS.

Following the reconciliation where the shadow billed claims have been adjusted to pay FFS, the premium on the claim will be recovered from the Blended FFS Premium for BSM and St. Josephs only and reflected on their group RA.

Any accumulations towards the outside use will be adjusted for GHC and BSM and reflected on the group RA.

This reconciliation is tentatively scheduled for the November 2010 RA.

If you have any questions, please contact your local OHIP Claims Office.