Overview

Per Section 6.0 of the 2011 Rural and Northern Physician Group (RNPGA) Agreement, physicians may be eligible to receive payment for providing Second On-Call Emergency Services to Insured Persons presented to the hospital and triaged and registered in the Emergency Department.

Eligibility

To be eligible:

- Physicians must complete and send the Second On-Call Physician Declaration and Consent Form to the Ministry of Health Long-Term Care (the “ministry”) within 30 days of commencing to provide services.

- The RNPGA Group and hospital must develop and provide to the Ministry protocols regarding the situations under which a Physician may be called in as a Second On-Call Physician.

Locum Physicians providing services for an RNPGA are not eligible for this payment.
Manual Billing and Payment Process (Effective April 1, 2016)

Outlined below is a manual process to be followed to receive payment for Emergency Services provided as a Second On-Call Physician until the ministry is able to implement an automated solution.

In order to identify Second On-Call services as eligible for payment, the ministry has created a new tracking code: Q089A – 2nd On-Call.

The Q089A code is effective April 1, 2016. (Please refer to Retroactive Payment section below for services provided prior to this date.

Billing for Emergency Services provided as Second On-Call:

- All services must be submitted using the RNPGA Group Number (BXXX) and will be reported on the Group Remittance Advice (RA).
- The Q089A code must be submitted on the same claim with the same service date for service dates of April 1, 2016 forward.
- The Q089A code must be billed at $0.
- The Q089A code will pay at $0 with an explanatory code “30 – not a service of OHIP.”
- The accompanying fee schedule code(s) will be paid at $0 with an explanatory code “I2 – service is globally funded.”

Payment:

- The Q089A code identifies services as eligible for payment as Second On-call.
- Each month, the ministry will look at all services processed on the previous month’s RNPGA Group RA with a Q089A and calculate lump sum payment.*
- The payment will be processed as an accounting transaction on the RNPGA Group RA the following month.
- The ministry will provide a breakdown of the payment by physician to the Lead on or before the payment date.

* The payment is subject to a “Second On-Call Maximum” based on the Level Volume stated under Section 6.4 of the agreement.

Example:

All services submitted with a Q089A and assessed by the ministry in April 2016 will pay at $0 with an explanatory code “I2 – service is globally funded” on the May 2016 RA. Payment for these services will be calculated in May and paid as an accounting transaction on the June RA.
Retroactive Payments

The ministry is currently developing a process for Second On-Call Services provided prior to April 1, 2016. RNPGA Physicians will be provided with further information on these payments when available.

For any inquiries please contact the Service Support Contact Centre at 1-800-262-6524.