

INFOBulletin

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

To: Fee for Service (FFS) Physicians

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Re: Home Visits Special Premium Payment and Reporting

The 2012 Physician Services Agreement (PSA) between the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) includes enhancements to the Home Visits Special Premium. These changes are found in Appendix D 'Primary Care Initiatives' under section 4.3 House Calls.

Bonus Level	Home Visits	
	A	B
Necessary annual criteria	3 or more patients served and 12 or more encounters	6 or more patients served and 24 or more encounters
Annual Bonus	\$1,500	\$3,000

The Home Visits annual bonus amounts have been increased for level A and B

- Level A annual bonus payment has increased to \$1500. (previously \$1,000)
- Level B annual bonus payment has increased to \$3000. (previously \$2,000)

These changes will appear on the August 2013 Remittance Advice.

The tracking of home visits towards threshold levels was put on hold and will commence reporting on the August 2013 Remittance Advice (RA). Payments will be made as each threshold level is reached. If threshold levels were reached during the hold period, payment will be made on the August RA.



The Special Premium Report on the RA will show the accumulations towards home visits special premium retroactive to April 1, 2013. Each home visit encounter, as identified through eligible claims with service dates on or after April 1, 2013, will contribute to and report against the thresholds.

Below is the list of Fee Schedule Codes (FSCs) which will be used to identify eligible home visits:

Home Visits	
A900A	Complex House Call Assessment
A901A	House Call Assessment
A902A	Home Visit – Pronouncement of death
B990A	Spec. Visit Premium
B992A	Spec. Visit Premium
B993A	Spec. Visit Premium
B994A	Spec. Visit Premium
B996A	Spec. Visit Premium

The new A900A 'Complex House Call Assessment' was introduced to the Schedule of Benefits effective April 1, 2013 and was added to the list of eligible fee schedule codes contributing to home visits special premium thresholds for all eligible providers.

A house call assessment (A900/A901) is only eligible for payment for the first person seen during a single visit to the same location. The same service rendered to additional patients seen during the same visit is payable at a lesser fee from the General Listings in the Schedule of Benefits. Services to the second and subsequent patients seen during the same visit at a single location do not count towards the threshold levels for the purpose of calculating the bonus and premiums.

Thank you for your continued participation in advancing Primary Health Care in Ontario.

All claims inquiries should be directed to your Claims Service Branch Office.

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