

INFOBulletin

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

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Re: Follow-up to INFOBulletin 4627 - IHF Licence Application Process for Grandparented Services

1. OHIP Schedule of Benefits Changes

Effective May 1, 2014, changes were made to certain insured colonoscopy, endoscopy and sigmoidoscopy related services found in the OHIP Schedule of Benefits for Physician Services (Schedule of Benefits). The Schedule of Benefits is published on the ministry's website at:

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/ohip/sob/physserv/physserv_mn.html

Specifically, the prefix “#” has been added to the insured colonoscopy, endoscopy, and sigmoidoscopy related services listed in the “Eligible Grandparented Services” section below. As a result, health facilities in Ontario that provided one or more of the Eligible Grandparented Services before and on May 1, 2014 are entitled to apply under the *Independent Health Facilities Act* (IHFA) for an Independent Health Facility (IHF) license. The IHFA is published on the ministry's website at:

http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_90i03_e.htm

2. Eligible Grandparented Services

The following Schedule of Benefits fee codes for colonoscopy, endoscopy, and sigmoidoscopy related services had a “#” prefix added effective May 1, 2014:

Colonoscopy		
E705, E717, E740, E741, E747, E785, Z491, Z492, Z493, Z494, Z495, Z496, Z497, Z498, Z499, and Z555.	E747, Z512, and Z514.	Z580.

3. Grandparenting Application Form and Due Date

A facility that provided the Eligible Grandparented Services before and on May 1, 2014 that wishes to apply for an IHF License must complete and submit an "Application for Licensing under the IHFA for Grandparented Colonoscopy Services" **before May 1, 2015**. The application is available by contacting the IHF Program Unit by telephone or via e-mail as follows:

Telephone: 613-548-6637 (Kingston area) or 1-866-684-8620 (toll free)

E-Mail: IHFP@ontario.ca

4. Facility Fee Funding

The Ministry will release an interim price-per-case in 2014/15 that will be the facility fee for IHFs. This will be an interim price-per-case for the Eligible Grandparented Services, which will apply during the Ministry's 2014/15 fiscal year, and may change in future fiscal years.

Applicants interested in being notified at the time the pricing is made available can request to be put on an e-mail notification list by sending an e-mail to IHFP@ontario.ca.

All facilities issued an IHF license will receive facility fee funding for those Eligible Grandparented Services listed on the license following the signing of a funding agreement. The funding agreement will specify the terms and conditions of funding, including the annual number of Eligible Grandparented Services to be funded.

The funding agreement will be administered by Cancer Care Ontario which oversees cancer related health care programs and has the authority to make facility fee payments as a prescribed person under the IHFA.

5. E749 Add-On Fee Code

Physicians providing Eligible Grandparented Services in a health facility can continue to bill for the E749 add-on payment until the facility is issued an IHF license for the Eligible Grandparented Services.

6. Questions & Answers

In addition to the information provided in this INFOBulletin, a "Questions & Answers" document is available to provide more details about the IHF license process for the Eligible Grandparented Services. If you require additional information please contact the Independent Health Facilities Program by telephone at (613) 548-6637 or via e-mail to:

IHFP@ontario.ca.

7. Schedule of Benefits

The new version of the Schedule of Benefits is available at:

www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/ohip/sob/sob_mn.html

Hard copies of the Schedule of Benefits will not be distributed. If you would like to order a paper copy or compact disk (CD) of the Schedule of Benefits for a fee, please visit:

<https://www.publications.serviceontario.ca>

Physicians without access to the Internet can contact ServiceOntario at 1-800-668-9938.

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