

INFOBulletin

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

To: Physician Services

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Re: Amendments to the Schedule of Benefits for Physicians Services and Payment Discount of 2.65%

This bulletin describes the implementation of a payment discount as well as changes to the Schedule of Benefits for Physician Services (Schedule). The payment discount is effective February 1, 2015 and all Schedule changes are effective April 1, 2015.

Implementation of 2.65% Payment Discount Effective February 1, 2015

Effective February 1, 2015 a 2.65% payment discount will be applied on all fee-for-service physician payments. This discount is in addition to the existing 0.5% discount which will continue to be reported on the Remittance Advice. A separate INFOBulletin will describe the implementation details for the 2.65% discount provision.

Alternative Payment Plans, Alternative Funding Plans, and Alternative Funding Agreements

The clinical funding for Alternative Payment Plans (APPs), Alternative Funding Plans (AFPs) and Alternative Funding Agreements (AFAs) will be subject to the 2.65% across the board discount. Further details specific to each APP, AFP, and AFA will be provided to the Lead Physician and/or Administrator.

Changes to the Schedule of Benefits Effective April 1, 2015

Schedule of Benefits

1. Emergency department equivalent - partial assessment (A888). The fee is reduced from \$35.40 to \$33.70.
2. Chronic Disease Premium (E078) will no longer be payable for services provided by 13(Internal Medicine), 16(Nephrology), 41(Gastroenterology) or 60(Cardiology).

Links to Additional Information

The new version of the Schedule is available at:

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

Hard copies of the Schedule will not be distributed. If you would like to order a paper copy or compact disk (CD) of the Schedule 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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