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Re: Removal of temporary telephone advisory fee codes from the Schedule of Benefits for Physician Services (K080, K081, K082)

In support of the government's efforts to limit the spread of H1N1 in Ontario, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care signed an order on October 29, 2009 to temporarily list three telephone advisory fee codes in the Schedule of Benefits for Physician Services.

As influenza activity across the province has decreased to seasonal influenza levels, the Minister, under the authority of subsection 45(2.3), has now made an order cancelling the original order that temporarily listed these codes. Therefore, effective February 13, 2010, the following are no longer insured services and will reject to the error report with an error code of A3E ("No Such Fee Schedule Code"):

- K080 telephone advice or information regarding health maintenance, diagnosis, treatment and/or prognosis to a patient or patient's representative including providing a new prescription or prescription renewal if rendered where service lasts for 10 minutes or less - 11.00
- K081 a. telephone advice or information regarding health maintenance, diagnosis, treatment and/or prognosis to a patient or patient's representative if the service lasts in excess of 10 minutes, including providing a new prescription or prescription renewal if rendered; or
b. psychotherapy, psychiatric or primary mental health care, counselling or interview conducted by telephone, if service lasts in excess of 10 minutes but less than 16 minutes, including providing a new prescription or prescription renewal if rendered - 27.55



- K082 psychotherapy, psychiatric or primary mental health care, counselling or interview conducted by telephone per unit (unit means half hour or major part thereof), including providing a new prescription or prescription renewal if rendered - 55.05 per unit

Claims for K080, K081 or K082 rendered prior to February 13, 2010, are insured services and payable at the fees listed provided the payment requirements listed in [OHIP Bulletin #4501](#) are met.