

Important Information for Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP) Providers New Telemedicine and Telemetry Services - Alberta

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Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) wishes to advise providers that the following Telemedicine and Telemetry services will be added to the IFHP Health Care Coverage (HCC), Expanded Health Care Coverage (EHCC), Public Health and Public Safety Health Care Coverage (PHPSHCC) and the coverage for persons detained under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act effective October 1, 2014 and to the IFHP Basic Coverage, Basic Public Health and Public Safety Health Care Coverage (PHPS) and the coverage for persons detained under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act effective November 5, 2014.

Note: The eligibility criteria still apply. Please refer to the IFH program Benefit Grids for more information.

Telemedicine Services

Benefit Code	Description
03.01C	Telehealth assistance service
03.01LG	Physician to physician or podiatric surgeon telephone or telehealth videoconference consultation, referring physician, weekdays 0700 to 1700 hours
03.01LH	Physician to physician or podiatric surgeon telephone or telehealth videoconference consultation, referring physician, weekdays 1700 to 2200 hours, weekends and statutory holidays 0700 to 2200 hours
03.01LI	Physician to physician or podiatric surgeon telephone or telehealth videoconference consultation, referring physician, any day 2200 to 0700 hours
03.01LJ	Physician or podiatric surgeon to physician telephone or telehealth videoconference consultation, consultant, weekdays 0700 to 1700 hours
03.01LK	Physician or podiatric surgeon to physician telephone or telehealth videoconference consultation, consultant, weekdays 1700 to 2200 hours, weekends and statutory holidays 0700 to 2200 hours
03.01LL	Physician or podiatric surgeon to physician telephone or telehealth videoconference consultation, consultant, any day 2200 to 0700 hours

The Medical Procedure List is available at: <http://www.health.alberta.ca/documents/SOMB-Medical-Procedures-2012-04.pdf>



Telemetry Services

Benefit Code	Description
03.16C	Video/EEG telemetry, review and interpretation, first full 30 minutes or major portion thereof for the first call when only one call is claimed
03.16D	Stereo/EEG (SEEG) intracranial telemetry, review and interpretation, first full 30 minutes or major portion thereof for the first call when only one call is claimed

Please Note: All claims submitted for payment must be received by Medavie Blue Cross within six months of the date the service was provided to be eligible for payment.

Should you have any questions or concerns, or require more information regarding the IFHP or Medavie Blue Cross, please call our Customer Information Centre at 1-888-614-1880 or e-mail CIC_Inquiry@medavie.bluecross.ca. You may also access the Medavie Blue Cross website at <https://provider.medavie.bluecross.ca> to view Guides, Bulletins and other important information regarding the Interim Federal Health Program.