

Important Information for Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP) Providers New Telemedicine, Telemetry Services and Other Services – Newfoundland

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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
General Practice	
502	Telemedicine partial assessment
503	Telemedicine partial assessment of a patient who is 65 to 74 years of age
504	Telemedicine partial assessment of a patient who is 75 years of age or older
Dermatology	
501	Consultation
502	Reassessment
General Surgery	
501	Consultation
502	Reassessment
Internal Medicine	
501	Consultation
502	Reassessment

Benefit Code	Description
Nuclear Medicine	
501	Consultation
Developmental Neurology	
501	Consultation
502	Reassessment
515	Scheduled interview with parent or teacher for investigation/management of a child's learning disability – per ½ hour or major part thereof
Neurology	
501	Consultation
502	Reassessment
Neurosurgery	
501	Consultation
502	Reassessment
Obstetrics And Gynecology	
501	Consultation
502	Reassessment
Ophthalmology	
501	Consultation
502	Reassessment
Orthopaedics	
501	Consultation
502	Reassessment
Otolaryngology	
501	Consultation
502	Reassessment
Paediatrics	
501	Consultation
502	Reassessment
513	Interview with parent or guardian on behalf of seriously ill patient (maximum 1 visit every 3 months)

Benefit Code	Description
Developmental Paediatrics	
501	Consultation
502	Reassessment
513	Interview with parent or guardian on behalf of seriously ill patient (maximum 1 visit every 3 months)
514	Scheduled interview with parent, guardian or other professional for investigation/management of a patients physical, cognitive or emotional disability – per ½ hour or major part thereof
Physical Medicine	
501	Consultation
502	Reassessment
Plastic Surgery	
501	Consultation
502	Reassessment
Psychiatry	
501	Consultation
502	Reassessment
504	Psychiatric care , per ½ hour or major part thereof
Urology	
501	Consultation
502	Reassessment

Benefit Code	Description
Visits To Nursing Homes	
285	Nursing home general assessment
286	(a) nursing home visit “elective” and rendered any hour on any day (first patient seen), or (b) nursing home visit “non-elective” and rendered between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (first patient seen)
288	“Non-elective” nursing home visit rendered between 8:00 a.m. and midnight on a Saturday, Sunday or Statutory Holiday (first patient seen)
289	“Non-elective” nursing home visit rendered between 6:00 p.m. and midnight (first patient seen)
290	“Non-elective” nursing home visit rendered between midnight and 8:00 a.m. (first patient seen)
291	Emergency nursing home visit with sacrifice of office hours - (first patient seen) (this service must be in response to a medical emergency)
292	Extra patient seen during any nursing home visit
203	Consultation in DHCS Designated Long Term Care Facility (see Appendix C)

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.