

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

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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
732A	Initial daily supplement - for any patient attended to using an approved telemedicine video link (maximum of one per day for all patients)
734A	Subsequent daily supplement - for additional patients attended to using an approved telemedicine video link
729A	Telemedicine Technical Standby -- for each 15 minutes, or major portion thereof (max. 30 min.)
728A	General Practitioner Assistant -- for each 15 minutes, or major portion thereof -- more than 2 units require an explanation
Video Case Conference	
726A	-- first 15 minutes
727A	-- subsequent 15 minutes, or major portion
Remote Telephone Call From Primary Health Nurse/Triage Nurse In Another Community	
761A	Not payable in addition to any other payment for the same date of service (1 call per patient per day maximum)

Benefit Code	Description
763A	Monitoring anticoagulant therapy by telephone, per month – - monitoring the condition of a patient with respect to anticoagulant therapy; - ordering blood tests; - interpreting the results; - inquiry into possible complications; and, Max per patient per month - only 1 physician can be paid for each month.
Monitoring Diabetic Patients on Insulin	
764A	Patients with Type 2 Diabetes on insulin
765A	Patients with Type 1 Diabetes on insulin
766A	Patients with Type 1 Diabetes on insulin pump -- first 12 months
767A	Patients with Type 1 Diabetes on insulin pump -- after 12 months
768A	Pregnant Patients with Diabetes (Type 1 or 2) on Insulin
Nursing Home Visit	
626A	Patients in: - special care homes; - respite beds; - long term care facilities; - level 4 beds in hospital or health centres;

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.