
INTERIM FEDERAL HEALTH PROGRAM (IFHP)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR HOSPITALS AND LABORATORIES REGARDING THE EXPANDED HEALTH COVERAGE, DETAINEE AND HEALTH CARE COVERAGE BENEFIT GRIDS

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Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) wishes to inform hospital and laboratory providers of some important information when submitting certain claims for diagnostic services.

The following information applies to all three Benefit Grids mentioned above:

- The code for Out-patient fee (0155OP) is not payable when the sole purpose for an out-patient visit is to administer laboratory tests, diagnostic radiology or diagnostic ultrasound procedures. In order for this code to be covered, the client must be seen by a provider (physician or other provider such as dental surgeon in hospital or hospital based OP clinic) on the same day, for an interview, assessment, consultation, evaluation, visit or a therapeutic procedure.

The following information is specific to the Health Care Coverage Benefit Grid:

- Solid organ and tissue transplant procedures (single and multiple) e.g., lung, heart, kidney, liver, pancreas, skin, bone and bone marrow transplants and transplant adjunctive services can only be considered on exceptional approval from the IFHP.

Note that under Health Care Coverage, IFHP does not cover medications and products unless they are required to prevent, diagnose and treat diseases posing a risk to public health or conditions of public safety concerns and included in the IFHP Public Health and Public Safety Drug Benefit List. Chemo drugs, immunosuppressants, anti-infective medications, medical supplies etc., for treatment of cancer or transplant patients are not covered under Health Care Coverage.

If you have any questions, please call the Medavie Blue Cross Customer Information Centre at 1-888-614-1880.

