
INTERIM FEDERAL HEALTH PROGRAM (IFHP)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PROVIDERS REGARDING THE UPDATED PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY BENEFIT GRID

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Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) wishes to notify providers of important updates to the Public Health and Public Safety Benefit Grid, as follows:

- Note 3 of the grid includes a revised list of diseases identified as posing a risk to public health as well as a list of investigational ICD 10 codes approved by the IFH for initial services which are found in Appendix A.

If claims include a written diagnosis or diagnostic code(s) listed in Appendix A, IFHP will pay for the initial clinic / hospital visit(s), diagnostic investigations (imaging, laboratory etc.), required to confirm or rule out a disease posing a risk to public health or condition of public safety concern. Once it is determined that the disease / condition is not a disease posing a risk to public health or condition of public safety concern, further services cannot be claimed for reimbursement. Claims will be subject to audit.

Please visit our website at <https://provider.medavie.bluecross.ca> and click on the most recent [Public Health and Public Safety Drug Benefit List](#) link to view the revised list of drugs that relate to the updated list of diseases posing a risk to public health found under Note 3 of the Public Health and Public Safety Benefit Grid.

- A list of all laboratory services which are payable without the submission of an ICD code or written diagnosis are now included in the revised grid.

Any laboratory services submitted without an ICD code or written diagnosis, which does not appear in the list provided on the Public Health and Public Safety Benefit Grid, will be denied.

A copy of the revised Public Health and Public Safety Benefit Grid and Appendix A are included in this package.

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

