

Bulletin



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Subject: HEALTH CARD EXPIRY DATE REPORTING EXEMPTION FOR REFERRED IN SPECIMEN TESTING – OUTPATIENT CODES 05 AND 15 FOR OUT OF PROVINCE PATIENTS.

The Interprovincial Health Insurance Agreements Coordinating Committee (IHIACC) discussed the issue of capturing expiry dates regarding outpatient claims for referred specimens - codes 05 and 15 at its April 2004 meeting.

The committee note that currently, hospitals that conduct testing on specimens referred by a physician or a laboratory for an out-of-province patient are not able to bill reciprocally for the testing because the hospital may not capture the expiry date from the out-of-province patient's health insurance card, since the out-of-province patient is not present in the hospital.

At the September 2004 IHIACC meeting, committee members agreed to clarify the requirement to provide the expiry date of the out-of-province patient's health insurance card for referred specimen testing for out-patient service codes 05 and 15 as follows:

Hospitals that conduct testing on specimens referred by a physician or a laboratory for an out-of-province patient are to include health card expiry dates when available, to ensure payment. Claims can still be filed without an expiry date, however, for any other outpatient code, the expiry date must be submitted.

If you have any questions, you can contact your local Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Regional Finance Manager for further information on the issue of capturing expiry dates for outpatient claims for referred specimens.

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