

# Bulletin



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## SUBJECT: REVISION TO OUTPATIENT CODE 05 – REFERRED-IN LABORATORY SPECIMENS FOR OUT OF PROVINCE PATIENTS

At the September 2005 Interprovincial Health Insurance Agreements Coordinating Committee (IHIACC) meeting, Committee members agreed to clarify the definition for outpatient code 05, referred-in laboratory specimens as follows:

**Referred-in Laboratory Specimens: composite fee for all specimens in relation to one patient referred to an institution for laboratory tests where the patient concerned is not present.**

Please find attached the revised Interprovincial Out-Patient Rates listing regarding outpatient code 05 for out of province patients.

Also, please note that it is the responsibility of the Ontario hospital to ensure that a valid health card and expiry date is reported for reciprocal inpatient and outpatient hospital claims submitted to the ministry. If an expiry date is not available on the Health Card, hospitals must record not applicable (N/A) on the reciprocal billing form for all services provided to an out of province resident.

Please share a copy of this Bulletin with your billing department at your hospital. 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 outpatient code 05 regarding out of province claims for referred-in laboratory specimens.

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