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Subject: NEW INTERPROVINCIAL BILLING RATES FOR HIGH COST PROCEDURE SERVICES AND BONE MARROW TRANSPLANTS EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2006

The Interprovincial Health Insurance Agreements Coordinating Committee (IHIACC) has introduced updated interprovincial hospital billing rates for high cost procedure services and bone marrow transplants provided on or after April 1, 2006.

Regional Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) Finance Managers will provide the new high cost procedure rates and bone marrow transplant rates to individual hospitals. The documents attached are as follows: Interprovincial Billing Rates for High Cost Procedures including Rules of Application For Billing Organ Transplant Services, and Interprovincial Billing Rates for Bone Marrow and Stem Cell Transplant Services including Rules of Application for Bone Marrow and Stem Cell Transplant Services.

The current billing principle of “multiple services – one rate” will continue to apply, namely billing for the outpatient service with the highest rate only when more than one service is received during an outpatient visit or on a given day. Contact your local Ministry Regional Finance Manager for further information on rates.

In order to efficiently process your hospital’s reciprocal billing claims, the ministry requires that all invoices contain your hospital’s corporation 3-digit facility number and the correct rate. At this time, consistent with national protocols, given that most provinces and territories reciprocal billing systems only accept the International Statistical Classifications of Diseases ICD-9-CM coding, Ontario hospitals must also submit their claims using ICD-9-CM reporting.

Please share a copy of this Bulletin with your billing department at your hospital. You can contact your local Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Regional Finance Manager for further information. Any payment inquiries regarding reciprocal hospital billing claims can be addressed to your contact in the ministry’s payment program area.

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