

Bulletin



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Subject: NEW INTERPROVINCIAL BILLING RULES FOR SAME DAY OUTPATIENT/INPATIENT ADMISSIONS/DISCHARGES ON AND AFTER APRIL 1, 2006

The Interprovincial Health Insurance Agreements Coordinating Committee (IHIACC) Members agreed to change the current billing rule which states “An outpatient charge will not be billed on the day of admission to the same hospital or on any day when inpatient services are provided in the same hospital” to allow for the billing of outpatient (service codes 01 to 15) and inpatient services on the same day of admission or discharge at the same hospital. The new billing rule change effective on or after April 1, 2006 will state as follows:

NEW RULE:

An outpatient charge can be billed on the same day of inpatient admission or discharge from the same hospital, as long as the patient is not a registered inpatient at the hospital at the time of service. This includes outpatient service codes 01 – 15.

ASSESSMENT RULE:

- **If a patient has an outpatient service and is later admitted to the same hospital on an inpatient basis the same day, the hospital can bill for both the outpatient service and inpatient stay for that day, i.e. admission date and date of outpatient service are the same.**
- **If a patient is discharged from the hospital and has an outpatient service at the same hospital on the same day, the hospital can bill for the outpatient service, i.e. discharge date and date of outpatient service are the same.**

This new billing rule is **effective** for outpatient/inpatient admissions/discharges on and after **April 1, 2006**.

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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