

# APPENDIX C

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## **BENEFITS OUTSIDE ONTARIO**

See Sections 28 and 29 of Regulation 552 of Revised Regulations of Ontario, 1990 made under the *Health Insurance Act* for payment of physicians services outside the country.

## **INTERPROVINCIAL RECIPROCAL BILLING OF MEDICAL CLAIMS**

On April 1, 1988, a reciprocal billing arrangement for insured medical claims came into effect between Ontario and all provinces and territories except Quebec.

The arrangement allows Ontario physicians who voluntarily participate to bill the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care directly for services rendered to eligible Canadian residents other than residents covered by the Quebec Plan.

Participating physicians will receive payment at the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Schedule of Benefits rates and must accept the payment as payment in full. The agreement includes services rendered by private medical laboratories and private diagnostic facilities but does not include diagnostic services rendered in a hospital setting. (See Bulletin #4210).

Physicians who do not wish to participate, or who are unable to obtain proof of provincial health coverage, must deal with the patient directly issuing an itemized letterhead account or using the standard Out-of-Province/Country Claims Submission Form.

A distinct claim form is available from Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Offices for participants in the inter-provincial reciprocal medical billing system. The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care also accepts billings for these services on various magnetic media types. Further details can be obtained from any Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care office.

## **BENEFITS OUTSIDE CANADA**

Prior approval from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is required for payment for services rendered outside of Canada in connection with an illness, disease, condition or injury that:

- a. is not acute and unexpected, requiring immediate treatment; or
- b. does not arise outside of Canada.

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