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TO: FEE-FOR-SERVICE FAMILY PHYSICIANS AND INTERNISTS

RE: COMPREHENSIVE GERIATRIC ASSESSMENT (CGA)

In consultation with the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association (NLMA), the Department of Health and Community Services (HCS) is introducing a new fee code for a Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment (CGA). This new fee code is located in the Consultations and Visits sections for Family Medicine and Internal Medicine. It can be billed in the Office, Home, HCS Designated Long-Term Care Facilities, Hospital In-Patient and Hospital Out-Patient / Emergency settings. An explanation of this service is added to the MCP Medical Payment Schedule Section 6.4 (Major Consultations). This fee code is effective for billing for services provided January 15, 2020 onwards.

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Section 6.4.1 Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment: this service is payable when a Royal College certified specialist in Geriatric Medicine or a family physician with a Certificate of Added Competence in Care of the Elderly completes a Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment (CGA). A CGA is indicated for patients aged sixty-five years and older who show signs of frailty or for those younger than sixty-five years with cognitive decline.

Exact start and stop times recording a direct patient interaction of at least ninety minutes are required for payment of the CGA. A CGA is payable only once per patient per lifetime. The geriatric surcharge cannot be billed with the CGA.

The medical record of a CGA must include a diagnostic history and physical examination including assessment of comorbidities, medications, social factors, geriatric syndromes, mobility, cognition and function with recommendations for management.

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