

mcp newsletter

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**TO: FEE-FOR-SERVICE NUCLEAR MEDICINE PHYSICIANS AND RADIOLOGISTS
PROVIDING MYOCARDIAL PERFUSION IMAGING SERVICES**

**RE: CHANGES TO MYOCARDIAL PERFUSION IMAGING BILLING AND
RETROACTIVE PAYMENTS**

In consultation with the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association, the Department of Health and Community Services is introducing changes to myocardial perfusion imaging (MPI) fee codes. The **current** Payment Schedule listing for MPI is:

Myocardial perfusion scintigraphy		
75007	- immediate post stress	68.18
75008	- delayed	30.78
75009	- with computer data manipulation add	23.09
75010	Myocardial scintigraphy – acute infarction injury	41.28
75011	Myocardial wall motion studies	57.30
75012	- repeat same day (max. of 3 repeats)	28.69
75013	Myocardial wall motion studies with ejection fraction	96.35
75014	- repeat same day (max. of 3 repeats)	43.98
75015	- with computer data manipulation add	27.92
75016	Detection of venous thrombosis with radioiodinated fibrogen – up to 10 days	43.98
75018	Intravenous Dipyridamole Stress test	
	- includes monitoring time spent with the patient by the Nuclear Medicine Physician (EKG interpretation payable in addition)	29.63

Effective January 6, 2023, fee code 75009 will be retired. In addition, the following changes will also be made to the description and rate for fee code 75008 as highlighted below:

Myocardial perfusion scintigraphy		
75007	- immediate post stress	68.18
75008	- post-rest	61.42

Please also note:

- 1) only one unit of fee code 75007 is billable.
- 2) fee code 71941 (IV Injections) is not payable with fee code 75018 above (IV Dipyridamole Stress Test) as per Sections 11.11 and 12.5 of the MCP Medical Payment Schedule Preamble.
- 3) SPECT technology has replaced fee code 75009 (“computer data manipulation”). Therefore, fee codes 75210 (SPECT-Single Photon Emission Computerized Tomography) or 75212 (SPECT-with transmission attenuation correction) are billable with MPI fee codes 75007 and 75008. For MPI studies including both a “rest” and “stress” portion, the applicable SPECT code (75210 or 75212) can be billed for a total of two units of SPECT services per patient.

These changes are effective **January 6, 2023**.

The Department will be reconciling payment for claims submitted for MPI and issuing payment directly to eligible Nuclear Medicine physicians and Radiologists for claims submitted from October 9, 2019 to January 5, 2023. Nuclear Medicine physicians and Radiologists providing these services should continue to submit claims according to current practice until **January 6, 2023**, at which time one unit of 75007, and one unit of 75008 will be available to represent post-stress and post-rest, respectively, in addition to SPECT and other fee codes as applicable and described above.

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