

## mcp newsletter

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**TO: ALL FEE-FOR-SERVICE ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS**

**RE: REMOTE OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNEA (ROSA) PROGRAM**

In consultation with the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association, the Department of Health and Community Services is making the following changes to the MCP Medical Payment General Preamble and Schedule to accommodate reimbursement for Anaesthesiologists participating in the ROSA program. ROSA is only available at the Health Sciences Centre and St. Clare's Mercy Hospital sites within Eastern Health. At the time of this publication, ROSA is not offered elsewhere in the province. However, it may expand to other hospital sites in the future.

1. Section 7.32.6 will be amended to state:

When an Anaesthesiologist is managing post-operative sleep apnea but **not** participating in a ROSA program, the Anaesthesiologist may claim a specific reassessment for patient visits where the billing physician is not also claiming per diem fees and/or non-IOP procedural fees. A maximum of one specific reassessment may be claimed for this purpose per patient per period of admission. For billings related to ROSA, please see section 10 (In-Hospital Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services).

2. The following new fee code will be added to the In-Hospital Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services section of the Medical Payment Schedule as below with an **effective date of February 6, 2023**:

### IN-HOSPITAL DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

#### REMOTE MONITORING

58500 REMOTE OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNEA stipend ..... 36.80 per patient per day

#### Notes:

1. Fee code 58500 is payable to Anaesthesiologists who are participating in a ROSA program provided to post-operative inpatients with diagnosed sleep apnea **or** suspected sleep apnea based on known risk factors. Fee code 58500 is payable once per patient per calendar day to the Most Responsible Anaesthesiologist providing ROSA services until ROSA is discontinued.

2. Fee code 58500 includes all daily services related to ROSA including any visits or services related to initiation, monitoring, assessment, or reassessment. No other ROSA services are billable for the same patient on the same day that fee code 58500 is billed.
3. Fee codes 54132, 54134, 54166, and 54167 are payable with the above ROSA stipend.
4. Documentation of the ROSA service provided must meet requirements as set out in Section 4.1.6 of the Preamble.

Please be advised that any Anaesthesiologists using Med Access for billing may wish to hold billings for ROSA until they can verify that the fee code is available for use in that system.

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