

mcp newsletter

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TO: FEE-FOR-SERVICE NEUROLOGISTS

**RE: MANAGEMENT OF DEEP BRAIN STIMULATOR BATTERY DURING
OPERATIVE BATTERY REPLACEMENT**

In consultation with the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association, the Department of Health and Community Services is introducing a new fee code for “Pre-, Intra- and Post-Operative Management of Deep Brain Stimulator Battery during Operative Battery Replacement” to the Neurology section of In-Hospital Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services in the Medical Payment Schedule. This new fee code is effective for services provided on or after April 1, 2023:

57655 Pre-, Intra- and Post-Operative Management of Deep Brain Stimulator Battery during Operative Battery Replacement. (Includes interrogation of battery, assessing battery level and settings, checking impedances, transfer of settings to the new battery, visit(s) with the patient).....278.85

Premiums are billable in addition for any special hospital visits to provide this service in accordance with the MCP Medical Payment Schedule General Preamble Section 18.

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