

mcp newsletter

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TO: CATEGORY 'B' EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

RE: CHANGES TO CATEGORY 'B' INTERIM RATE STRUCTURE

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association have negotiated changes to the existing Category 'B' Emergency Department Interim Rate Structure.

Note: As outlined in [MCP Newsletter 22-17](#), the interim rate structure is set to expire on March 26, 2023.

Note: For detailed billing instructions and additional information about the interim rate structure, please refer to [MCP Newsletter 22-09](#).

These changes are **effective December 19, 2022** and introduce a third tier of remuneration for Category 'B' facilities based on sites that are **either** 200 km from the nearest Category 'A' facility **or** whose 2021-22 ED volume exceeded 7,000 visits or facilities which are island-based (i.e., Fogo Island and Bell Island). These facilities are eligible for an additional top-up of \$500 per day for a total compensation of \$1,600 for a 24-hour shift.

For ease of reference, an illustrative table, which shows the applicable remuneration and fee codes for each payment modality and tier, is attached. A list of sites for all three remuneration tiers is also attached.

Please note, there are no changes to the existing billing codes associated with the introduction of the third tier and physicians should continue to bill either 611030, 611040 or 611050 as appropriate (using the applicable rates) to receive their incentive bonus.

Questions relating to the content of this newsletter should be directed to Melissa Bath by email at MelissaBath@gov.nl.ca.

Category B Emergency Department Incentive Rates						
			Salaried		Locum	Fee-for-Service
Base Pay (as outlined in the MOA)						
A	Weekday Daytime (Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm)		Usual Salary Billing Code: N/A (paid by RHA)		\$825/day Billing Code: N/A (paid by RHA)	\$56.65/hour + FFS Claims Billing Code: 611010
B	Weekday Evenings (Mon-Fri, 6pm-8am)		\$78.84/hour (no FFS claims) Billing Code: 611020		\$78.84/hour (no FFS claims) Billing Code: 611020	\$56.65/hour + FFS Claims Billing Code: 611010 + FFS Claims OR \$78.84/hour (no FFS claims) Billing Code: 611020
C	Saturday, Sunday and Statutory Holidays		\$78.84/hour (no FFS claims) Billing Code: 611020		\$78.84/hour (no FFS claims) Billing Code: 611020	\$56.65/hour + FFS Claims Billing Code: 611010 + FFS Claims OR \$78.84/hour (no FFS claims) Billing Code: 611020
Incentive Bonus						
Tier 1 Category B Facilities						
A	Weekday Daytime (Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm)	\$400 for full shift	\$40/hour Billing Code: 611030		\$40/hour Billing Code: 611030	\$40/hour Billing Code: 611030
B	Weekday Evenings (Mon-Fri, 6pm-8am)	\$399.98 for full shift	\$28.57/hour Billing Code: 611040		\$28.57/hour Billing Code: 611040	\$28.57/hour Billing Code: 611040
C	Weekends and Statutory Holidays	\$799.92 for full shift	\$33.33/hour Billing Code: 611050		\$33.33/hour Billing Code: 611050	\$33.33/hour Billing Code: 611050
Tier 2 Category B Facilities						
A	Weekday Daytime (Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm)	\$550 for full shift	\$55/hour (\$550 for full shift) Billing Code: 611030		\$55/hour (\$550 for full shift) Billing Code: 611030	\$55/hour (\$550 for full shift) Billing Code: 611030
B	Weekday Evenings (Mon-Fri, 6pm-8am)	\$550.06 for full shift	\$39.29/hour Billing Code: 611040		\$39.29/hour Billing Code: 611040	\$39.29/hour Billing Code: 611040
C	Weekends and Statutory Holidays	\$1,099.92 for full shift	\$45.83/hour Billing Code: 611050		\$45.83/hour Billing Code: 611050	\$45.83/hour Billing Code: 611050
Tier 3 Category B Facilities						
A	Weekday Daytime (Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm)	\$800 for full shift	\$80/hour (\$800 for full shift) Billing Code: 611030		\$80/hour (\$800 for full shift) Billing Code: 611030	\$80/hour (\$800 for full shift) Billing Code: 611030
B	Weekday Evenings (Mon-Fri, 6pm-8am)	\$799.96 for full shift	\$57.14/hour Billing Code: 611040		\$57.14/hour Billing Code: 611040	\$57.14/hour Billing Code: 611040
C	Weekends and Statutory Holidays	\$1,600.08 for full shift	\$66.67/hour Billing Code: 611050		\$66.67/hour Billing Code: 611050	\$66.67/hour Billing Code: 611050

Category B Sites by Incentive Tier			
Tier	Total Daily Incentive Rate	RHA	Site
Tier 1 Sites	\$800	Central Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Hugh Twomey Health Care Centre, Botwood • A.M. Guy Memorial Health Centre, Buchans • North Haven Emergency Centre, Lewisporte
		Eastern Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grand Bank Community Centre, Grand Bank • Dr. A.A. Wilkinson Memorial Health Centre, Old Perlican • U.S. Memorial Health Centre, St. Lawrence • Dr. William Newhook Community Health Centre, Whitbourne
		Western Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calder Health Care Centre, Burgeo
Tier 2 Sites (sites 100km from nearest Cat A facility AND whose 2021-22 ED volume exceeded 3,500visits)	\$1,100	Central Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connaigre Peninsula Health Care Centre, Harbour Breton • Green Bay Community Health Centre, Springdale • Dr. Y.K. Jeon Kittiwake Health Centre, New-Wes-Valley
		Eastern Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placentia Health Centre, Placentia
		Western Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonne Bay Health Centre, Bonne Bay
Tier 3 Sites (sites 200km from nearest Cat A facility OR whose 2021-22 ED volume exceeded 7,000 visits ; and island-based Cat B facilities)	\$1,600	Central Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baie Verte Peninsula Health Centre , Baie Verte • Fogo Island Hospital, Fogo • Notre Dame Bay Memorial Health Centre, Twillingate
		Eastern Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Walter Templeman Community Health Centre, Bell Island • Bonavista Community Health Centre, Bonavista
		Western Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. C.L. LeGrow Health Centre, Port Aux Basques • Rufus Guinchard Health Care Centre, Port Saunders

Note:

- Regardless of tier, physicians will collect their base pay (either from their RHA or by billing MCP) **AND** will bill MCP using codes A, B or C (as determined by their shift).
- The total daily rate is based on a full 24-hour shift (8:00 a.m. – 7:59 a.m.). If only a portion of the day is worked, the bonus is broken down into an hourly rate based on the total number of hours in that shift (**Weekdays:** 10 hour day shift, 14 hour night shift; **Weekends:** 24 hour full day shift).
- Billing codes outlined in the rate table remain the same regardless of their Category B location or tier – only the rate associated with that code will change.
- Physicians **MUST** bill MCP using the codes in the rate table to receive their incentive bonus – physicians have 90 days from the date of service to submit their claim to MCP for processing (either via mail, paper claims, or through electronic billing).