

mcp newsletter

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TO: FEE-FOR-SERVICE OPHTHALMOLOGISTS

**RE: FEE CODE 54846 ("Intravitreal injection of anti-VEGF substance (unilateral)
1 unit per eye, 2nd eye to be billed at 85%")**

The Department of Health and Community Services is making changes to the rate payable for fee code 54846 in the MCP Medical Payment Schedule. Effective July 8, 2023, the rate payable for fee code 54846 changes from \$125 (unilateral) to \$175. If the second eye is injected on the same day, that injection is payable at 85% of the rate of the first injection, or \$148.75.

The Department will be reconciling payment for claims submitted for fee code 54846 and issuing payment directly to ophthalmologists for claims submitted from January 15, 2019 to July 7, 2023 at a rate of \$50 (unilateral) and \$42.50 for any second eyes injected on the same day, if applicable. To help avoid any delayed payments, ophthalmologists providing injections of anti-VEGF substance on or before July 7, 2023 should try to submit these claims before 3:00pm on July 7, 2023, which is the claim submission deadline for pay period 23-09. This payment is expected to be available in late August 2023.

In addition to the above, a payment to each fee-for-service ophthalmologist to address an additional retroactive microallocation amount has been processed.

Questions relating to this newsletter should be directed to Dr. Colleen Crowther, Assistant Medical Director at (709) 758-1557 or by email at ColleenCrowther@gov.nl.ca.