

mcp newsletter

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TO: FEE-FOR-SERVICE UROLOGISTS

RE: PROSTATE MRI-US FUSION BIOPSY

In consultation with the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association, the Department of Health and Community Services is introducing a new add-on fee code for prostate biopsies performed by urologists using MRI-US fusion technology. This fee code can be added on to fee code 97610 "Prostate: Incision: Biopsy – Needle (IOP)" as below:

PROSTATE

Incision

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| 97610 Biopsy - needle (IOP) | 71.68 | 4 |
| 97611 - with ultrasound guidanceadd | 118.80 | |
| 97612 - with drainage abscess (IOP) | 32.68 | 73.94 4 |
| 97613 - with MRI-US fusion add | 200.00 | |

Please note that this fee code cannot be billed with fee codes 97611 or 97612.

Fee code 97613 is available for services billed on or after April 1, 2021. Physicians wishing to have claims adjusted for services delivered from this date forward should prepare a written request including the date, provider number, claim and item numbers to be adjusted. This request should be faxed to the Claims Processing Department at 709-292-4053 no later than April 1, 2022. The Department will be reconciling payment for services for Prostate MRI-US fusion biopsy and issuing payment directly to urologists for these services provided from November 28, 2018 to March 31, 2021.

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