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TO: FEE FOR SERVICE RADIOLOGISTS

RE: CLARIFICATION of FEE CODES 54460, 54462 as well as associated Vena Cavagrams 71200 and 71201

In consultation with the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association (NLMA), the Department of Health & Community Services (HCS) seeks to clarify billings associated with the Medical Care Plan (MCP) fee codes 54460 and 54462 as well as associated vena cavagrams (fee codes 71200 and/or 71201). Any claims currently held will be adjudicated based on the clarification provided in this newsletter.

For greater clarity, only one of 54460 or 54462; or 54465 is payable.

In the setting of a poorly functioning dialysis line, radiologists may bill 71200 and/or 71201 (vena cavagram) in addition to 54460 or 54462 if one or more of the following conditions are suspected to be causing the dysfunction: **(1)** clot or fibrin sheath around the catheter; **(2)** SVC or right atrial stenosis; or **(3)** suboptimal positioning. The record of service must state that the vena cavagram was indicated for one or more of these preceding reasons. However, if fee codes 71130 and/or 71131 (angioplasty) are billed in addition to 54460/54462, the vena cavagram is included in that fee and is not billable in addition.

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