

## **Changes to Medical Services Plan (MSP) Premiums and Enhancements to the Regular Premium Assistance Program Effective Jan. 1, 2017**

Please share this information with people in your organization who administer MSP coverage and need to be aware of changes to MSP premiums.

British Columbia's economic strength and ongoing spending discipline mean we are able to keep MSP premiums at current rates in 2017, canceling the planned 4% increase.

In addition, rates for those receiving Regular Premium Assistance will see a 4% reduction of their premium beyond what was announced with Budget 2016.

Keeping MSP premiums at 2016 rates further builds on the Province's commitment to share the benefits of a growing economy with B.C. families. Effective Jan. 1, 2017:

- ▶ Full Regular Premium Assistance will be available for a beneficiary (and spouse, if applicable) with a combined adjusted net income of \$24,000 or less. Other levels of Regular Premium Assistance will be available for a beneficiary (and spouse, if applicable) with a combined adjusted net income of \$42,000 or less.
- ▶ There will be no MSP premiums charged for children under the age of 19 years. MSP premium rates will be determined by the number of adults on an MSP account. This can be one or two people: the MSP account holder and a spouse, if applicable.
- ▶ New rate codes will replace the majority of existing rate codes that group plan administrators currently receive on invoices. These changes will be reflected on the invoice(s) sent by Revenue Services of British Columbia in December 2016, for the January 2017 premiums.

*See the table on the back of this sheet for details on the MSP premium rates and rate codes that take effect Jan. 1, 2017.*

### **Important Information for Groups:**

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Group plan administrators can find more information about the MSP premium rate and Regular Premium Assistance changes at: [gov.bc.ca/groupplanadministrators](http://gov.bc.ca/groupplanadministrators). Please check the website for further updates in the coming months, including frequently asked questions and answers.

### **Questions?**

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For general questions about your invoice or payment related questions, please call Revenue Services of British Columbia at 1 877 405-4909.

For questions regarding the MSP premium rates and Regular Premium Assistance project, please email: [dist.EnrolmentPremiumsAndPremiumAssistance@maximusbc.ca](mailto:dist.EnrolmentPremiumsAndPremiumAssistance@maximusbc.ca).

## MSP Premium Rates Transition Table

2016 (Current Rates)					Jan. 1, 2017 (New Rates: Updated Sept. 15, 2016)				
Rate Code	Adjusted Net Income	One Person	Family of Two	Family of Three or More	Rate Code	Adjusted Net Income	One Adult	Two Adults in a Family	Family of Three or More
A	\$0 - \$22,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	H	\$0 - \$24,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	No premiums for children
B	\$22,001 - \$24,000	\$12.80	\$23.20	\$25.60					
F	\$24,001 - \$26,000	\$25.60	\$46.40	\$51.20	I	\$24,001 - \$26,000	\$11.00	\$22.00	
G	\$26,001 - \$28,000	\$38.40	\$69.60	\$76.80	J	\$26,001 - \$28,000	\$23.00	\$46.00	
E	\$28,001 - \$30,000	\$51.20	\$92.80	\$102.40	K	\$28,001 - \$30,000	\$35.00	\$70.00	
C	Over \$30,000	\$75.00	\$136.00	\$150.00	L	\$30,001 - \$34,000	\$46.00	\$92.00	
					M	\$34,001 - \$38,000	\$56.00	\$112.00	
					N	\$38,001 - \$42,000	\$65.00	\$130.00	
					C	Over \$42,000	\$75.00	\$150.00	

MSP is administered by Health Insurance BC on behalf of the Government of British Columbia.

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Website: [www.gov.bc.ca/medicalservicesplan](http://www.gov.bc.ca/medicalservicesplan)

Do you have your BC Services Card? Adults are expected to renew enrolment in MSP by February 2018 and get a BC Services Card.

For more information, visit [www.bcservicescard.ca](http://www.bcservicescard.ca).