

# MSC Communiqué

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**CMQ98-006**

**Amendment of the  
MSC Payment Schedule  
Preamble A.17**

*Minute of Commission #98-002*

## **Amendment to the Medical Services Commission Payment Schedule - Preamble to the Payment Schedule**

In accordance with Section 26(3) of the *Medicare Protection Act*, the following modification to the Payment Schedule has been approved by the Medical Services Commission, effective immediately.

### **Amendment:**

Preamble A.17 is modified as follows:

Generally, in order to be paid by MSP or WCB for consultations and/or other visit items listed in the specialty sections of the Payment Schedule, one must be certified or be a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and be so recognized by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC in that particular specialty. Payment for visits and examinations rendered by practitioners not so qualified will be made on the basis of fees listed in the General Practice section of this Payment Schedule unless a special exception is recommended by the BCMA Tariff Committee.

Dated: January 26, 1998

**CMQ98-007**

**Protocol for  
House Calls**

*Minute of Commission #98-006*

## **Approval of Protocol for House Calls**

Pursuant to Section 5(1)(o), Section 24(1) and Section 37(5) of the *Medicare Protection Act*, the following protocol will apply with respect to the Medical Services Commission *Payment Schedule*:

House call Services will be considered a benefit under the Medical Services Plan only when rendered in conformity with the *Protocol for House Calls*, appended.\*

This protocol will be used in the determination of benefits payable under the *Medicare Protection Act*.

Effective April 1, 1998

**CMQ98-008**

**Protocol for Macroscopic and Microscopic Urinalysis and Investigation of Urinary Tract Infection**

*Minute of Commission #98-007*

**Approval of  
Protocol for Macroscopic and Microscopic Urinalysis  
and the Investigation of Urinary Tract Infection**

Pursuant to Section 5(1)(o), Section 24(1) and Section 37(5) of the *Medicare Protection Act*, the following protocol will apply with respect to the *Medical Services Commission Payment Schedule*:

Services relating to the use of macroscopic and microscopic urinalysis and the investigation of urinary tract infection will be considered a benefit under the Medical Services Plan only when rendered in conformity with the *Protocol for Macroscopic and Microscopic Urinalysis and the Investigation of Urinary Tract Infection*, appended.\*

This protocol will be used in the determination of benefits payable under the *Medicare Protection Act*.

Effective April 1, 1998

\*Protocol distributed March 1998

Note: Protocols can be requested through the Professional Support Info-by-Fax line at **(250) 356-9644**, and by calling **(250) 952-1770** or **952-2670**. Protocols are posted on the MSP web site at: <http://www.hlth.gov.bc.ca/msp/protocol.html>. Please e-mail questions or comments to: [guidelines.protocols@moh.hnet.bc.ca](mailto:guidelines.protocols@moh.hnet.bc.ca)

**CMQ98-009**

**Adoption of  
Principles for Protocols**

The Medical Services Commission accepted the following Principles for Protocols on December 11, 1997, as recommended by the Protocol Steering Committee.

**Principles for Protocols**

- encourage appropriate responses to common medical situations;
- recommend actions that are sufficient and efficient, neither excessive nor deficient; and
- permit exceptions when justified by clinical circumstances

**CMQ98-010**

**Revision of Standard  
Out-patient Laboratory  
Requisition Form**

The Medical Services Commission has approved the revision of the Standard Out-patient Laboratory Requisition Form. This form (REV 97/12) replaces previous forms used for all laboratories, irrespective of category approval, and takes effect on **October 1, 1998**. See enclosed revised requisition form

Questions or concerns regarding the laboratory requisition form can be faxed to MSP Claims Branch at **(250) 952-3101**.