

Group Billing Practices by Province/Territory in Canada (Note: Information is current as of July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011, though subject to change at any time.)

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| Province/Territory  | Allows Group Billing? | Specific Details  | Costs                        |
| British Columbia <sup>i</sup>   | Yes                   | Group Medical Visit Fees can be billable for specialists. Fee code varies by size of group.   | Varies by size of group      |
| <u>Saskatchewan<sup>ii</sup></u>  | Yes                   | Group Counselling of 5 or more patients<br>where the objective is to provide medical<br>expertise regarding the patients' condition,<br>to be billed in the name of one patient<br>initial 15 minutes. Claim must include a note<br>or comment indicating the number of<br>patients involved and the topic. Group visits<br>in a school, hall, auditorium, or other place<br>of assembly or for the purpose of diagnostic<br>screening or immunization not insured<br>unless the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health<br>(SMOH) has been notified prior to the<br>services being rendered and an agreement is<br>entered into between the SMOH and the<br>physician. Includes group counselling. | \$57.30 for<br>Specialist/GP |
| <u>Yukon Territory<sup>iii</sup></u>  | Yes                   | Group visits consist of a <i>minimum of three</i><br><i>patients and a minimum time requirement of</i><br><i>one hour per visit,</i> to include time spent for<br>preparation and follow up. The physician<br>may elect to split larger groups into smaller,<br>more manageable groups of a minimum of<br>three patients.   | \$250.00 Flat Rate           |
| <u>Alberta<sup>iv</sup></u>   | Yes                   | Group visits for consultations are insured,<br>e.g. Diabetes.   | \$15.62 Per Patient          |
| <u>Manitoba<sup>v</sup></u>   | Yes                   | Was sent group visit tariffs. Ex. Diabetes counselling with group (more than 2 people)  | \$25.00 Per Patient          |
| Ontario   | No                    | Blended remuneration models support group visits.   | N/A                          |
| Quebec  | Yes                   | Doctors meet patients and teach them how<br>to manage chronic conditions, e.g. Diabetes.<br>Minimum 4 patients, 60+ minutes. Maximum<br>2 teaching sessions per day or 4 teaching<br>sessions per week.   | Unknown                      |
| Nova Scotia   | No                    | Only counselling.   | N/A                          |
| New Brunswick   | No                    | Only counselling.   | N/A                          |
| Prince Edward Island  | Yes                   | Handled as "Case Management<br>Conferences," includes groups of doctors<br>discussing patients and/or groups of visits.   | \$40/15 Minutes              |



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| Newfoundland &<br>Labrador | No      | Only counselling.  | N/A     |
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| Northwest Territories      | No      | Group visits for chronic conditions & chronic condition management is provided by public health authorities. | N/A     |
| Nunavut                    | Unknown | Unknown  | Unknown |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> British Columbia Ministry of Health Services, Medical Services Commission Pay Schedule (General Practice, p. 7-2)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>ii</sup> Saskatchewan Ministry of Health, Physician Payment Schedule - April 2011 (p. A.18, Code: 680A)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Yukon Health and Social Services, Payment Schedule for Yukon, (p. 18, Code: T 1120)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>w</sup> Alberta Health and Wellness, Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Schedule of Benefits, (p. 29, Code: 03.05LA)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>v</sup> Manitoba Health, Physician's Manual (p. B-9-B-11, Code: 8473/8474/8493)