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## INFORMATION ABOUT SHADOW BILLING

**All SEAMO funded clinical teachers are asked to prepare for shadow billing, but not to submit as yet. Further information will be provided electronically next week.**

At the meeting of the Governing Committee, September 19, Jim Wilson, Chair of the Shadow Billing Task Group provided the groups report. He noted that the group included representatives of all clinical departments.

While the report is available on request, the Task Group concluded that shadow billing data entry and patient demographics should be centralized. Further, the task group recommended a vendor. SEAMO management will now discuss options with the vendor.

Despite the Task Group's recommendation that there be central data entry, it is unclear how many clinical teachers prefer central data entry as opposed to individual or departmentally based approaches. The number participating in a central system will determine, in part, cost.

Although the Ministry had great difficulty in providing necessary instructions and information, they have now provided group billing numbers and are attempting to clarify the contradictory rules provided to SEAMO. However, it is unclear whether the use of these group members will provide a workable solution for SEAMO. Further, the Ministry has agreed that in order to allow development of necessary systems, stale-dated claims will be allowed. Please note this agreement **has not been received in writing as yet**. We will distribute this letter when received.

**You should prepare for billing.** We will advise electronically next week of the status of these issues and how to proceed.