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## Further Important Shadow Billing Information

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Further to the *Newsletters* sent September, I provide an update regarding submission of claims required under the *Agreement to Provide Alternative Funding*.

1. As you were informed on September 28, for all “**out-of-scope**” activity (defined in Appendix A of the funding agreement), please **continue to claim for these services** in the manner in place since the inception of alternative funding in 1994. That is, use your solo billing number and indicate that this is out-of-scope by **entering the facility code 3714**.
2. For all **in-scope claims and shadow billings**, the Ministry is not yet in a position to receive or to pay in-scope claims. At yesterday’s meeting of the SEAMO Governing Committee, Governors asked that all SEAMO funded physicians **ensure that they are prepared to shadow bill** as soon as the Ministry is able to accept and handle these claims.
3. The Ministry has agreed that stale-dated submissions will be accepted through 2006 January 31. A copy of the letter from the Ministry was provided to you at the end of September.
4. We have a contractual obligation to continue to provide SEAMO sheets for encounters through the remainder of this calendar year.

Notwithstanding the delay in claims submissions, all SEAMO funded physicians should ensure that they are prepared to shadow bill for all “wait list strategy” encounters and for all other encounters from 2005 April 01 as soon as the Ministry is prepared to accept and handle these claims.