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COVID-19 Hospital Physician Compensation: E405A Changes

A system solution was implemented to allow the E405A to pay when submitted with E023C

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, the Ministry of Health (the ministry) implemented temporary payments for specified physician services provided in hospital as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Fee Schedule Code (FSC) **E405A: COVID Hospital Complexity Modifier** was implemented on June 1, 2020 with an effective date of April 3, 2020.

An issue occurred during the implementation of this FSC where E405A was paying at \$0 with explanatory code 'DF' corresponding fee code has not been claimed or was approved at zero' when submitted with E023C.

Effective November 1, 2020, a system solution will be implemented to allow the E405A to pay when submitted with E023C.

Claims for E405A submitted with E023C that previously paid at \$0 for service dates from April 3, 2020 to July 31, 2020 will be manually adjusted by the ministry. Adjustments will appear on future RAs.

Therefore, no action is required by physicians for previously submitted claims of E405A with E023C. Any new claims with service dates on or between April 3, 2020 and July 31, 2020 submitted for these services on or after November 1, 2020 will pay accordingly.

Please be advised that another issue has been discovered where E405A is not paying with some anaesthesiology extra unit fee codes related to American Society of Anaesthesiology (ASA) physical classification. The ministry is currently looking into this issue, and physicians will be advised of any system changes through a separate INFOBulletin.

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