

Converting billing from Internal Medicine codes to Rheumatology codes:

If you are currently billing as an internist, you should convert to billing as a rheumatologist, if at all possible, before April 1st ,2015 re the new E078 restrictions being implemented on that date

For those who have passed the rheumatology Royal College exam, the procedure is as follows:

You need to request a confirmation of your status as a rheumatologist from the Royal College by sending an email to membership@rcpsc.edu

Next you need to send this confirmation letter (which should arrive in 1 business day via email) to your local OHIP physician billing department, along with a letter stating your address and current OHIP billing number (*****-13) and your request to have Rheumatology (-48) added.

Then speak to your billing software company to set you up as a rheumatologist.

If you began practice before the rheumatology exam existed, there is a possibility of being grandfathered. The procedure is:

The process required to get your training recognized as a rheumatologist is contained in the link below:

<http://www.cpso.on.ca/policies/policies/default.aspx?id=1676>

Please review it and download the PDF. You will need to provide a letter listing your request as well as your CV and this should be directed to:

Ms Rajni Sandhu,

Manager, Registration Committee Department,

CPSO

Fax 416-967-2623

Then your file is reviewed and specialist designation is awarded. This information is then faxed or mailed to your local OHIP centre where your billing code can be changed. You need then to also have your billing software updated.