

Nurse Practitioner Referrals to Physicians: Changes to OHIP Schedule effective May 1, 2015

Effective May 1, 2015, the definition of a consultation was amended in the OHIP Schedule of Benefits (“Schedule”) to include a referral from a physician or a nurse practitioner (NP). In order to ensure continuity of care, the consulting physician is required to provide a report back to the referring NP and the primary care physician, if applicable.

This change applies to the following services listed in the Schedule:

- All general/family practice and specialist consultations
- E-assessments (Initial, Repeat, Follow-up and Minor)
- Physician to physician telephone consultation (now revised to: Physician/Nurse practitioner to physician telephone consultation)
- Physician to physician e-consultation (now revised to: Physician/Nurse practitioner to physician e-consultation).

Physicians billing a consultation service initiated by an NP must include the NP’s six-digit OHIP identification number for the claim to be processed.

The revised OHIP Schedule of Benefits can be accessed at:

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/ohip/sob/physserv/physserv_mn.htm

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