

July 9th, 2020

Dr. Neil Maharaj
Sent by email

Cc: Drs. Samantha Hill, Tim Nicholas, Paul Tenenbein and Mr. Steven Barrett

Dear Drs. Maharaj, Desai, Abdurrahman, Boutros, Trinacty, Yamashiro, Baer, and Purvis,

Thank you for your patience in my getting a full response to you. The OMA has now come to a resolution with government on most of the Phase I implementation issues around K-Codes. The agreement will be valid for the services rendered from the period March 14, 2020 to March 14, 2021.

You can read the full details [here](#). The new agreement includes the following:

1. Payment equivalent to the FHG 10% Premium will be paid to physicians on virtual care K-code services provided to enrolled patients;
2. Payment equivalent to specialist premiums will be paid (assuming all requirements in the Schedule of Benefits are met), including E078, automated pediatric age premiums, internal medicine premium, E060, K630, K187, K188, K189;
3. Payments equivalent to management fees will be paid (again, when all requirements in the Schedule of Benefits are met), including K045, K046, K119, K481, Q040, K682, K683, K684.

While the agreement took longer than originally anticipated, the NTF believes they have arrived at the best possible outcome which avoids computer programming delays that the ministry had originally come forward with and minimizes delays in members being able to access the additional money.

Under the terms of this agreement, the family physician automated age>65 premium, the focussed practice psychotherapy premium or GP Group psychotherapy will not be paid when these services are delivered under the K virtual codes.

Please let me know if there's anything I can do for you.

Best,



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