



OMA ministry COVID vaccine temporary physician compensation agreement – February 28, 2021

The ministry will establish a new temporary fee code payable for physicians who render a COVID-19 vaccination service (fee code Gxxx).

Note:

- (a) Gxxx will be priced at \$13
 - (b) When provided as a sole service, both Gxxx and G700 for fee for service, CCM and FHG models, and both Gxxx and Qxxx (valued equal to G700 amount) for all other primary care patient enrolment models, are payable.
 - (c) When other insured services are rendered on the same day, by the same doctor to the same patient as a COVID-19 vaccination, then Gxxx is payable for the vaccination in conjunction with the other services if the service otherwise meets the Schedule of Benefits requirements.
 - (d) Gxxx is payable for each dose when multiple doses are required to complete the initial vaccination series.
 - (e) Payment for subsequent booster COVID-19 immunization doses are not payable as Gxxx, but will subsequently be negotiated between the parties.
 - (f) Gxxx is not eligible for payment for a service provided in a designated COVID-19 Assessment Centre.
1. The new temporary Gxxx fee code will be in effect for a period of 12 months and, as outlined above, priced at \$13.
 2. The new temporary Gxxx and Qxxx will be out of basket for all primary care models.
 3. This temporary Gxxx fee code is being set up within the schedule of benefits and the service can be delegated.
 4. Vaccine delivery in a primary care office (or other non-mass vaccine setting) may be remunerated through the temporary H409 and H410 sessional codes when provided as part of a hospital/ PHU coordinated COVID-19 vaccination delivery, on such terms as may be agreed with the physician and approved by the hospital/PHU. In these circumstances the ministry will designate the portion of the primary care office dedicated to vaccine delivery as an eligible COVID-19 Assessment Centre to enable the sessional fee billing.

Note: No other FFS claims are eligible for payment for the same time the H409/H410 sessional fees are claimed. For clarity, the temporary Gxxx fee code is not payable for vaccination services rendered concurrently with H409/410.

5. COVID Vaccine Patient Facilitation Fee (Xxxx)

Where a Public Health Unit or the province formally requests a physician or physicians to contact identified groups of patients to assist in the registering/booking of their patients' COVID-19

vaccination or to provide direct assistance in completing patient consent or other documentation, a fee of \$6 dollars will be payable. This does not apply for any patient when the physician administers the vaccine to the patient and claims Gxxx.

Xxxx can only be billed once per patient for the period of time covered by this agreement.

Xxxx are not payable for services personally rendered by the physician for the same time period H409/H410 is claimed.

Physicians will submit a tracking code Xxxx for each patient for whom this service is rendered. Upon ministry confirmation of physician eligibility to be paid for this service (the physician has been formally requested to carry out this activity), the ministry will make a one-time lump sum payment for all eligible claims submitted. This payment will be made within 15 months of the date of agreement on this issue.

This tracking code is not payable where physicians only provide general information about how to access or register for a vaccination.

6. The parties agree that this temporary funding agreement and any documents exchanged in the course of negotiating it cannot be relied upon or filed as evidence of the position of either party in any future arbitration or other activity pursuant to the Binding Arbitration Framework.