

Important Information for Interim Federal Health Program Overseas Medical Services Providers

Changes to the Pre-Departure Medical Services Benefit Grid

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This bulletin is to inform you that Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) has made the following changes to the Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP) Pre-Departure Medical Services (PDMS) Benefit Grid:

1. The frequency limit for some vaccines has been updated to allow up to three doses of a specific vaccine per lifetime;
2. Some Immigration Medical Examination (IME) combinations have been revised to include serum Creatinine; and
3. A new benefit note has been added (see below) and some benefit notes have been revised.

NEW NOTE 26 – for benefit code 0293EUO *IME + Urinalysis (5-10 years)*

This code can also be billed if a urinalysis is required for children under 5 years old who present with a history of diabetes, hypertension, kidney disease, symptoms of a urinary tract infection, or other conditions that may affect kidney function.

These changes are effective **April 1, 2020**.

It is important that you destroy any previously printed copies of the PDMS Benefit Grid, as the current changes have affected the note numbering or benefit codes. You will find the revised PDMS grid on our website at www.medaviebc.ca/pdms.

In addition, we would like to remind you that it is important to include your provider number on all claim forms and any other correspondence sent to Medavie Blue Cross. If there are any changes to your contact information, we ask that you advise Medavie Blue Cross via the *Contact Us* form on our website.

If you have any questions or require more information regarding the IFHP or Medavie Blue Cross, please contact Medavie Blue Cross by email at CIC_Inquiry@medavie.bluecross.ca.

