



**VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA  
PROGRAM OF CHOICE (POC) 12 – RELATED HEALTH SERVICES  
SERVICE FEE UPDATE – NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR**

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Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) wishes to advise you of updates to existing benefits and the introduction of one (1) new benefit code under Program of Choice (POC) 12 – Related Health Services, **effective May 1, 2023.**

The following revisions were effective May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2023			
Benefit Code	Description	Revision	Benefit Information
244972	COUNSELLING THERAPIST - IN PERSON INDIVIDUAL VISIT	Renamed	<b>Prescriber:</b> MD, NP <b>Pre-Authorization:</b> MAC <b>Frequency:</b> 25 / CY <b>Fee:</b> \$120 / Hour
244969	COUNSELLING THERAPIST - VIRTUAL INDIVIDUAL VISIT	New	<b>Prescriber:</b> MD, NP <b>Pre-Authorization:</b> MAC <b>Frequency:</b> 25 / CY <b>Fee:</b> \$120 / Hour
<b>Note:</b> In-person and virtual visits have a combined yearly frequency of 25 hours per calendar year.			

**Providers shall charge the lesser of the rate charged by the provider to any patient paying cash for the same service/product or up to the maximum rate contained in the benefit grids.**

For details pertaining to fees and claims submission requirements, please refer to the Claims Submission Agreement and related supporting documentation found on the Medavie Blue Cross website at [www.medaviebc.ca](http://www.medaviebc.ca) and click on the Health Professionals link. On our website you will also find important information on how to:

- register to access our secure ePay provider portal by clicking on the Register or Update link;
- sign up for direct deposit; and
- view provider guides and benefit grids, download provider payment schedules and other important information.

Should you or your members have any questions, please contact Medavie Blue Cross at 1-888-261-4033.

Thank you for the ongoing care and service you provide to our Veterans.