

Important Information for the Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP) Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, and Vision Service Providers

Services Provided Through Virtual Care due to COVID-19 Pandemic

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This bulletin is to inform you that Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) has made changes to the *Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP) Supplemental Benefit Grid* to allow services to be provided by Virtual Care for Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, and Vision benefits, and related benefit codes.

These new codes are to be claimed only when providing Virtual Care (teleservices) to clients during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please use ICD code U07.1 for confirmed cases of COVID-19, and for all other COVID-19 related client encounters use ICD code U07.2. In all other situations, continue to use existing ICD codes.

BENEFIT CODE	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
0226R or 0226RV – Teleservices (see comments)	Physiotherapy - Subsequent Visit - In a Home	See Notes 43, 45 & 87 Can only bill one code per client per treatment day. 0226RV to be used for virtual care only.
0242R or 0242RV – Teleservices (see comments)	Occupational Therapy - Subsequent Visit - In a Home	See Notes 46 & 87 Can only bill one code per client per treatment day. 0242RV to be used for virtual care only.
0230CI or 0230CIV – Teleservices (see comments)	Speech Therapy - Subsequent Visit - In a Clinic	See Notes 48, 49 & 87 Can only bill one code per client per treatment day. 0230CIV to be used for virtual care only.
0600P or 0600PV – Teleservices (see comments)	Partial Eye Exam	See Notes 69 & 87 Can only bill one code per client per treatment day. 0600PV to be used for virtual care only.

All existing benefit grid rules continue to apply, including frequency limits. As such, all sessions or eye exam, whether provided in-person or virtually will count towards the maximum allowed per client for these services.

These changes are effective March 13, 2020, for services rendered virtually from that date and ongoing until further notice.

You will find the updated *Supplemental Coverage Benefit Grid* at www.medaviebc.ca/en/health-professionals/resources.

Should you or your members have any questions or require more information regarding the IFHP, please contact our Provider Inquiry Centre at 1-888-614-1880 or e-mail CIC_Inquiry@medavie.bluecross.ca.