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To: All Physicians and Billing Staff,

Implementation of the new rates for facility-based codes (z-codes) is **further extended until October 1, 2022**. The extension will allow Alberta Health Services (AHS) to work through and standardize their overhead arrangements with physicians without taking away focus from the current COVID-19 response. It is expected the AHS overhead arrangements will be in place by June, 2022, allowing time to assess next steps regarding z-codes.

In the interim, all physicians are still required to use the appropriate out-of-office fee codes (z-codes) when claiming for services provided in a publicly funded facility; however, **the out-of-office rate will be equal to the in-office rate for all physicians.**

A Medical Bulletin will be issued closer to October 1, 2022 regarding next steps.

Inquiries:

Any inquiries regarding this change can be sent to health-pcsp.admin@gov.ab.ca.

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