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To: All physicians and billing staff

The 2022 Alberta Medical Association (AMA) Agreement established yearly macro allocation rate increases to each AMA member section as outlined in Schedule 3 of the AMA Agreement (table listed below). Due to the one year delay in implementing the new Schedule of Medical Benefits (SOMB) rates for 2022-23 (now expected on April 1, 2023), there will be two upcoming retroactive payments to physicians:

- A first payment covering services provided from April 1, 2022 to December 1, 2022, and paid by December 9, 2022, including any resubmissions before this date. The purpose of this bulletin is to explain how this payment will be made to physicians.
- A second retroactive payment covering the remainder of the fiscal year will be made after the introduction of the new SOMB rates and after allowing for submission of claims. Details of the second payment will be provided in a future bulletin.

The first payment will be calculated by multiplying the total Fee For Service payments made to physicians during the April 1 to December 1, 2022 service period by the relevant section’s 2022-23 macro-allocation increase shown in the table below.

This first payment is scheduled to be deposited on January 13, 2023. Please note retroactive adjustment payments of less than \$1.00 to a physician will not be paid. Each lump sum payment will be made by automatic deposit (electronic funds transfer) to the Business Arrangement (BA) payee under which the original service was provided. A physician will receive a separate retroactive adjustment payment for each BA under which they provided services and submitted claims during the period. On the Statement of Account, the payee will find details regarding the BA and physician to whom each payment corresponds. This information will be included in the description for each manual payment. The description provided on the Statement of Account will contain the following information:

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} Payment Reason
} Business Arrangement
} Practitioner ID

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There will be no Statement of Assessment associated with these retroactive payments, as the retroactive payment process does not involve the reassessment of individual claims. However, the Statement of Account identifies the retroactive adjustment payment applicable to each physician. **Physicians should contact their BA payee for the details of any retro payments they are owed.** If you are unable to obtain the information from your BA payee, then you may complete and submit the [Retro Payment Inquiry Form](#). A representative from Alberta Health will follow up on your request.

Remember to provide Alberta Health with updated information regarding any changes to your banking or address information. Updates to your banking information can be provided using form AHC1143 – Direct Deposit Request. Updates to your address information can be provided using form AHC11459 – Notification of Business Address Change. Follow the instructions on the forms to submit. These forms can be found on Alberta Health’s website at the following link: www.alberta.ca/health-professional-business-forms.aspx.

Details on the process and timelines on the retroactive payment for Alternative Payment Plans (ARPs) and Academic Medicine and Health Sciences Program (AMHSP) will be issued in a separate bulletin.

SCHEDULE 3

2022/23, 2023/24 AND 2024/25 MACRO-ALLOCATIONS

AMA member section	Year 1 (2022/23) rate increase	Year 1 BCP** increase estimate	Year 2 (2023/24) rate increase	Year 3 (2023/24) rate increase	Compounded increase first three Fiscal Years
Family Medicine & Generalists in Mental Health	1.35%	0.89%	1.48%	1.48%	5.25%
Neurology	1.98%	0.22%	1.48%	1.48%	5.24%
Obstetrics & Gynaecology	1.93%	0.27%	1.48%	1.48%	5.24%
Pediatrics	1.78%	0.44%	1.48%	1.48%	5.25%
Psychiatry	1.89%	0.32%	1.48%	1.48%	5.24%
Anesthesiology	0.85%	0.02%	0.85%	0.85%	2.60%
General Surgery	0.85%	0.09%	0.85%	0.85%	2.66%
Internal Medicine	0.85%	0.24%	0.85%	0.85%	2.82%
Emergency Medicine	0.50%	0.00%	0.50%	0.50%	1.51%
Endocrinology/Metabolism	0.50%	0.14%	0.50%	0.50%	1.65%
Gastroenterology	0.50%	0.08%	0.50%	0.50%	1.59%
Infectious Diseases	0.50%	0.00%	0.50%	0.50%	1.51%
Nephrology	0.50%	0.05%	0.50%	0.50%	1.56%
Neurosurgery	0.50%	0.08%	0.50%	0.50%	1.59%
Orthopaedic Surgery	0.50%	0.11%	0.50%	0.50%	1.62%
Otolaryngology	0.50%	0.20%	0.50%	0.50%	1.71%
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	0.50%	0.40%	0.50%	0.50%	1.91%
Respiratory Medicine	0.50%	0.14%	0.50%	0.50%	1.64%
Rheumatology	0.50%	0.10%	0.50%	0.50%	1.60%
Urology	0.50%	0.12%	0.50%	0.50%	1.63%
Cardio & Thoracic Surgery	0.35%	0.00%	0.35%	0.35%	1.05%
Cardiology	0.35%	0.11%	0.35%	0.35%	1.16%
Critical Care Medicine	0.35%	0.00%	0.35%	0.35%	1.05%
Dermatology	0.35%	0.37%	0.35%	0.35%	1.43%
Other*	0.35%	0.03%	0.35%	0.35%	1.08%
Plastic Surgery	0.35%	0.06%	0.35%	0.35%	1.11%
Thoracic Surgery	0.35%	0.04%	0.35%	0.35%	1.10%
Vascular Surgery	0.35%	0.18%	0.35%	0.35%	1.23%
Diagnostic Radiology	0.25%	0.01%	0.25%	0.25%	0.77%
Ophthalmology	0.25%	0.20%	0.25%	0.25%	0.95%
Total (all AMA member sections)	1.00%	0.45%	1.00%	1.00%	3.48%

* Residual lab medicine fees (mostly ECG technical fees paid to Dynalife and APL)

**The BCP increase estimate identified in column 2 of this table was used to calculate the BCP rate, which has been set to \$3.59 pursuant to clause 5 of Schedule 7, and is included in this table for illustrative purposes only and does not form part of the amount being macro-Allocated.