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To: All physicians and billing staff

The 2022 Alberta Medical Association (AMA) Agreement included investments to support physicians working in underserved communities. Schedule 7 of the AMA Agreement provides for up to \$12M per year to improve access in communities with critical supply issues. The AMA and Alberta Health agreed to distribute the first 12 months of funding (\$12M) for the period April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 in the form of a retroactive payment to physicians who have been eligible for RRNP benefits. Alberta Health has provided the AMA an anonymized dataset of program expenditures to assist in the development of the retroactive payment options, and has agreed to the following allocation approach as recommended by the AMA:

- Retroactive payments are calculated as a fixed percentage (18.88%) of physicians’ 2022-23 RRNP variable fee payments, subject to minimum and maximum retroactive payment thresholds of \$200 and \$40,000 respectively.
- Retroactive payments below \$40,000 will be distributed to the Business Arrangement (BA) payee under which the original service was provided. Retroactive payments subject to the upper \$40,000 threshold will be allocated to each BA based on the share of 2022-23 RRNP variable fee payments billed under that BA by the respective physician.
- Physicians who have received flat fee payments during the 2022-23 fiscal year will have those payments consolidated for 2022-23 and 2023-24 fiscal years and paid in the summer of 2024 with the RRNP retroactive payments for the 2023-24 fiscal period.

This RRNP retroactive payment is scheduled to be deposited on March 22, 2024. Each lump sum payment will be made by automatic deposit (electronic funds transfer) to the BA payee. A physician will receive a separate retroactive adjustment payment for each BA under which they provided services and submitted claims during the period. Payments of less than \$1 to BA will not be made. 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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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.

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