To: All Physicians and billing staff

Effective immediately, the virtual care codes introduced in response to the COVID-19 pandemic will remain in the Schedule of Medical benefits (SOMB) permanently. These virtual care codes are no longer restricted to situations when a declaration of a public health emergency is made pursuant to 52.1(1) of the Public Health Act; or when the Chief Medical Office of Health determines in their discretion that it is appropriate.

The seven (7) virtual care codes include:

- 03.01AD;
- 03.03CV;
- 03.03FV;
- 03.08CV;
- 08.19CX;
- 08.19CV; and
- 08.19CW.

All existing rules with regards to these virtual care codes will remain in place, as well as the rates. These virtual care codes will also remain excluded from the daily patient visit cap. To learn more about the rules and restrictions of these virtual care codes, please review bulletins MED 221–Amended and MED 222.

Alberta Health will continue to monitor these virtual care codes and make adjustments as needed. A revised Schedule of Medical Benefits reflecting this change will be posted at https://www.alberta.ca/fees-health-professionals.aspx as soon as possible.

Inquiries:

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