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Subject: Schedule of Medical Benefits amendments April 1, 2023		Reference: Schedule of Medical Benefits

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. The overall increase for fiscal year 2022-23 is 1%.

In accordance with the macro-allocations, the AMA, through micro-allocation, recommended individual adjustments to rates of benefits for insured services. These amendments have been made to the Schedule of Medical Benefits (SOMB) effective April 1, 2023. The revised SOMB is posted online at www.alberta.ca/fees-health-professionals.aspx

Due to the one year delay in implementing the new SOMB rates for fiscal year 2022-23, physicians will receive retroactive payments (please see Medical Bulletin 262 for more information).

Please refer to the Bulletin Attachment A for details. Amended text is shown in bold print and underlined in the attachments.

- Attachment A contains an amended General Rule and amended Health Service Code.

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Attachment A – Technical Supplement

The following changes will be applied to the Schedule of Medical Benefits effective April 1, 2023.

Amended General Rule

12.7 An additional benefit of ~~\$108.34~~ per case (modifiers L30AN, L30AT, L30AT2, L44ANE) may be claimed for anesthetic services provided to neonates and infants under 44 weeks of conceptual age. **Refer to the Price List for the additional benefit amount.**

Amended Health Service Code

X 88A Barium enema for the reduction of intussusception

NOTE: If any of the above procedures (HSCs X 81 through X 88A) are performed without fluoroscopy, **the NOFLSP modifier should be applied. The benefit rate will be adjusted according to the Price List.**
~~the benefit should be reduced by \$10.92.~~

Rate Changes

Rates set out in the Schedule of Medical Benefits are being changed pursuant to the agreement, made effective April 1, 2022, as between the Minister of Health and the Alberta Medical Association. Refer to www.alberta.ca/fees-health-professionals.aspx