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<b>Subject:</b> Billing codes with a gender restriction for the transgender community		<b>Reference:</b> Physician's/Allied Health Practitioner's Resource Guide

**To: all physicians and billing staff**

To facilitate physician testing for Sexually Transmitted Blood Borne Infection (STBBI), specifically the use of health service codes with a gender restriction, (i.e. pap tests or penile swab) please follow the necessary procedures when billing gender marked services for transgender patients:

- Claim submission of health service codes with gender restrictions can be bypassed with the inclusion of text within the claim explaining the patient is transgender. For example, pap test for an individual with an X or M gender marker, or a penile swab for an individual with an X or F gender marker can be billed when the physician submits the claim with text explaining the procedure is for a transgender patient.
- Submitting the claims with text will prevent the claim from being refused by Alberta Health.

If you have any questions, please contact the Provider Relationship and Claims unit in the Edmonton area at 780-422-1600, or toll-free for the rest of Alberta at 310-0000 then 780-422-1600 when prompted.

The Physician's Resource Guide and the Allied Health Practitioner's Resource Guide will be updated to reinforce these billing transgender codes.

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