

Appendix 1 (as submitted by the authors): Supplementary information

A) Temporary Ontario Health Insurance Plan Codes

Available: <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/ohip/bulletins/4000/bul4745.pdf>

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/ohip/sob/physerv/sob_master20200306.pdf

| Temporary virtual visit codes | In-person office visit codes |
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| <p><u>K080</u> Minor assessment of a patient by telephone or video, or advice or information by telephone or video to a patient's representative regarding health maintenance, diagnosis, treatment and/or prognosis \$23.75</p> | <p><u>A001</u> Minor assessment \$23.75</p> |
| <p><u>K081</u> Intermediate assessment of a patient by telephone or video, or advice or information by telephone or video to a patient's representative regarding health maintenance, diagnosis, treatment and/or prognosis, if the service lasts a minimum of 10 minutes; \$36.85</p> | <p><u>A007</u> Intermediate assessment (no time requirement) \$36.85</p> |
| <p><u>K082</u> Psychotherapy, psychiatric or primary mental health care, counselling or interview conducted by telephone or video per unit (unit means half hour or major part thereof) per unit \$67.75</p> | <p><u>K005</u> Primary mental health care Individual care (unit means half hour or major part thereof) per unit \$67.75</p> |

B) Ontario Telemedicine Network Virtual Care Billing effective April 1, 2020

Available: <https://support.otn.ca/sites/default/files/virtual-care-billing-information-manual.pdf>

B103A: \$0.00 Hosted Video Visit

Patient attending at a patient host site: Fee code for a synchronous video visit with a patient who is physically located and supported at a patient host site during the clinical encounter. Host sites are secure physical environments that organizations offer on-site to provide patients with convenient access to videoconferencing technology and, in some cases, clinical support services (nursing support, diagnostics through peripheral devices).

B203A: \$0.00 Direct-to-Patient Video Visit

Fee code for synchronous video visit with a patient in the home or another location of their choice (i.e. the patient is not at a patient host site). This includes situations where a patient is conducting the encounter independently using their own technology, or where an organization is providing support resources (e.g. nursing support, technology) that are with the patient in their location of choice (e.g. home).

C) Ontario Telemedicine Network Direct-to-Patient Video Visits Enabled Changes effective November 15, 2019

Available: <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/ohip/bulletins/4000/bul4731.pdf>

From November 15, 2019 – March 31, 2020 the following fee codes are eligible for:

Direct-to-Patient Video Visit:

B099A: \$0.00 Tracking Code

Hosted Video Visit:

B100A: \$35.00 First Telemedicine Patient Encounter premium

B200A: \$15.00 Subsequent Telemedicine Patient Encounter premium

B101A: \$35.00 First Cancelled/Missed Telemedicine Patient Encounter premium

B201A: \$15.00 Subsequent Missed/Cancelled Telemedicine Patient Encounter premium

B102A: \$35.00 First Technical Difficulties Abandoned Patient Encounter premium

B202A: \$15.00 Subsequent Technical Difficulties Abandoned Patient Encounter premium

Direct-to-Patient Video Visits are eligible for delivery by the following physicians:

- All specialists;
- GP focused practice designated physicians when providing services associated with their designation and

- Primary care physicians who are in a patient enrollment model (PEM) and are delivering care to a rostered patient