

BROADCAST MESSAGES

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BROADCAST TITLE: Note changes to Fee Items 70116 - 70124

BROADCAST MESSAGE (UP TO 5 PAGES, 12 LINES PER PAGE, 76 CHARACTERS PER LINE):

Retroactive to July 1, 2017, the location restriction is removed from fee items 70116 to 70124.

If you had claims for these services refused with explanatory code “LZ” please resubmit. If your refused claim for these fee items is for dates of service between July 1, 2017 and November 16, 2017 please resubmit under submission code A before March 17, 2018.

The revised fee item notes are listed below:

Fee Items 70116, 70117, 70118:

Notes:

- i) 70116, 70117, and 70118 are not billable by Plastic Surgery, Orthopaedics, or Otolaryngology.

Fee Items 70119, 70120, 70121, 70122, 70123, and 70124:

Local tissue shifts: Advancements, rotations, transpositions, “Z” plasty, etc.

Notes:

- i) Advancement flaps are defined as adjacent tissue transfers based on undermining and layered closure. The medical necessity for a flap or graft occurs when direct closure alone would not suffice due to unacceptable wound tension or local distortion. The distances required to be undermined are measured from each edge, not the combined distance:
 - a) 1 cm – nose, ear, eyelid, lip or eyebrow
 - b) 1.5 cm – other face and neck
 - c) 3 cm – rest of body
- ii) Direct closure means approximation of wound/skin edges with less undermining that defined by an advancement flap.
- iii) A Limberg flap for pilonidal sinus repair is considered a single flap.
- iv) 70119, 70120, 70121, 70122, 70123, 70124 are not billable by Plastic Surgery, Orthopedics, Otolaryngology or Dermatology.

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PR- PRACTITIONER -----	PRACTITIONER NO.
SP-SPECIALTY -----	SPECIALTY CODE
AI-ASSOCIATION IDENTIFIER -----	MD – BC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
A -ALL -----	LEAVE TARGET KEY BLANK
PS-PAYEE STATUS -----	C - VESTED INTEREST LAB
	F PRIMARY CARE
	H - HOSPITAL
	I - INACTIVE PAYEE
	L - LABORATORY
	M - ACTIVE PAYEE
	V - 3RD PARTY- OUT OF PROVINCE
	Y – ALTERNATIVE PAYMENTS PROGRAM