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BROADCAST TITLE (50 char): Update: Alphanumeric Code Range for MSP Claims

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

To address the Practitioner and Payee number shortage, MSP Claims and Teleplan systems transitioned to alphanumeric codes in June 2022. This change was part of the Practitioner and Payee Number Shortage (PPNS) project, to ensure all downstream systems can accept any alpha character combinations in those fields.

As of June 1, 2022, new practitioner/payee codes are issued as alphanumeric values, with 5 characters starting with 'J' (e.g., J1234, J9876). Recent projections completed by the Ministry of Health (MoH) indicate that further expansion is needed to accommodate the increased volume of demand for new Practitioner and Payee numbers.

Upcoming Changes:

To expand the availability of codes, new practitioner/payee numbers will start to be assigned with 'Q' as the initial alpha character (e.g., Q1234, Q9876). Please be advised that the first character placement within this field will be updated to another alpha character again in future, as needed.

There will be no impact to the following:

- Practitioner or Payee Numbers that have already been issued.
- Practitioner or Payee Numbers within the 90000 to 99999 series will remain reserved and will not be distributed.

No further action is required for Teleplan Vendors if all necessary system updates from the 2022 PPNS project have been successfully deployed to accept any alpha character combinations in those fields.

Action Required:

For Teleplan Vendors who have yet to make systems changes to accommodate characters other than 'J', please be advised that systems updates must be in place by March 2025.

If you have questions about this update or the selection of the alpha character 'Q'; please contact HIBC via one of the following options:

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PY-PAYEES -----	PAYEE NO.
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