

BROADCAST MESSAGES

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BROADCAST TITLE (50 char): Amend FI 70021

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

Effective March 1, 2025, fee item 70021 has had its descriptions amended to account for the new surgical assist fee 13197 being added to the MSC Payment Schedule; it is now the following:

- 70021 Certified General Surgeon Assist (extra)
Time after 1 hour of continuous surgical assistance for one patient, each 15 minutes or fraction thereof
Notes:
i) Restricted to General Surgery.
ii) Paid only in addition to fee item 70020.
iii) Maximum payable is 8 units per surgery.
iv) Any additional assistants, if required, are paid under fee items 00197, 00198, and 13197 only.
v) Start and end times must be entered in both the billing claims and the patient's chart.

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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 - 3 RD PARTY- OUT OF PROVINCE
	Y – ALTERNATIVE PAYMENTS PROGRAM