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BROADCAST TITLE (50 char): Palliative RN Referrals for Palliative Care

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Effective January 1, 2025, a registered nurse for palliative care may make referrals to a palliative medicine physician.

MSC Payment Schedule General Preamble D. 2. 1. has been amended with the addition of the following bullet:

- registered nurse, for palliative care, to palliative medicine physician

The Palliative Medicine Preamble in the MSC Payment Schedule has been amended with the addition of the last paragraph on registered nurse referrals:

Preamble

These listings are applicable for referred services to a palliative medicine physician. Palliative medicine fees do not apply when unexpected death occurs after prolonged hospitalization for another diagnosis unrelated to the cause of death.

The palliative medicine fees are comprehensive time-based fees.

- Applicable only for palliative care patients and diagnostic code V66.7 must be submitted on the claim.
- Start and end times are for direct face-to-face time with the patient and include all services provided within those times.
- Documentation which occurs outside of the direct face-to-face times is not billable in addition and is compensated through the rate set for the palliative medicine fees.

When a referral from a physician is not available, referrals from a registered nurse for specialist palliative care can be accepted by indicating the practitioner number of the requesting nurse in the “referred by” field when submitting claims. For registered nurses not registered with MSP, use practitioner number 99987. The name of the referring registered nurse should be documented in the note field of the claim and in the patient’s clinical record.

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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