

## BROADCAST MESSAGES

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BROADCAST TITLE (50 char): New THFI31150

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

Effective April 1, 2025, the following new telehealth fee item has been added under the heading “Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient” in the Section of Rheumatology of the MSC Payment Schedule:

P31150 Telehealth extended consultation - exceeding 53 minutes  
(actual physician time spent with patient). To consist of  
examination, review of history, laboratory, X-ray findings,  
necessary to initiate care ..... \$349.17

Notes:

- i) Restricted to Rheumatology.
- ii) Applicable to patients with chronic and complex medical needs. Paid with the following diagnostic codes:
  - a. Diffuse Diseases of Connective Tissue (710), Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (710.0), Systemic Sclerosis (710.1), Sicca Syndrome (710.2), Dermatomyositis (710.3), Polymyositis (710.4), Other (710.8), Unspecified (710.9);
  - b. Rheumatoid Arthritis and other Inflammatory Polyarthropathies (714), Rheumatoid Arthritis (714.0), Felty’s Syndrome (714.1), Other Rheumatoid Arthritis with Visceral or Systemic Involvement (714.2), Juvenile Chronic Polyarthritis (714.3), Chronic Postrheumatic Arthropathy (714.4), Other (714.8), Unspecified (714.9);
  - c. Polyarteritis Nodosa and Allied Conditions (446), Polyarteritis Nodosa (446.0), Acute Febrile Mucocutaneous Lymphnode Syndrome (MCLS) (446.1), Hypersensitivity Angiitis (446.2), Lethal Midline Granuloma (446.3), Wegener’s Granulomatosis (446.4),

Giant Cell Arteritis (446.5), Thrombotic Microangiopathy (446.6), Takayasu Disease (446.7);

- d. Ankylosing Spondylitis and Other Inflammatory Spondylopathies (720), Ankylosing Spondylitis (720.0), Spinal Enthesopathy (720.1), Sacroiliitis, not Elsewhere Classified (720.2), Other Inflammatory Spondylopathies (720.8), Unspecified Inflammatory Spondylopathy (720.9);
  - e. Psoriasis and Similar Disorders (696), Psoriatic Arthropathy (696.0), Other Psoriasis (696.1), Parapsoriasis (696.2), Pityriasis rosea (696.3), Pityriasis Rubra Pilaris (696.4), Other Unspecified Pityriasis (696.5), Other (696.8).
  - f. Arthropathy associated with infections (711);
  - g. Polymyalgia rheumatic (725);
- iii) Paid to a maximum of one per patient within six months of the last visit.
  - iv) Not paid when there is no change in condition from previous assessment.
  - v) Start and end times must be recorded on claim and in the patient's chart.

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

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