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BROADCAST TITLE (50 char): Business Cost Premium Expansion

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

As of April 1, 2025, the Business Cost Premium (BCP) has been implemented and therefore MSC Payment Schedule General Preamble C.27. has been updated, as follows, to reflect that eligible physicians will now receive BCP on all fees and regardless of the location where services are provided.

The 2022 Physician Master Agreement allocated funding for this BCP expansion beginning in the 2023/24 fiscal year. For that year, additional BCP payments were issued as a calculated adjustment. A similar process will be followed for the 2024/25 fiscal year, with final reconciliation and additional payments scheduled for fall 2025.

C. 27. Business Cost Premium

The Business Cost Premium (BCP) is to provide improved compensation for physicians who are responsible for some or all of the rent, lease, or ownership costs (either directly or indirectly) of a community-based office. The BCP is a percentage premium paid on all fees to compensate physicians for the work they do with patients regardless of the location at which the services are delivered. Physicians must be entitled to receive and retain payment for the eligible fees directly from MSP (i.e. payments assigned to Health Authorities are not eligible for the premium).

The BCP does not apply to Alternative Payments Program (APP) or Longitudinal Family Payment (LFP) payment models, form fees, or to primary health program payments such as the Provincial Attachment System (PAS) and Community Longitudinal Family Physician (CLFP) payments.

BCP does not apply to radiology, anesthesiology, pathology and nuclear medicine fees for services delivered in or for Agency facilities.

The percentage values and the daily maximum amounts of the BCP are based on the location the eligible service is rendered:

- i) City of Vancouver: 5% of eligible fees up to a maximum BCP payment of \$60 per day per physician.
- ii) Metro Vancouver (excluding the City of Vancouver) and Greater Victoria: 4% of eligible fees up to a maximum BCP payment of \$48 per day per physician.
- iii) Other communities (outside Greater Vancouver and Greater Victoria) not eligible for the Rural Retention Premiums: 3% of eligible fees up to a maximum BCP payment of \$36 per day per physician.

To receive the BCP:

- i) The physician is responsible for some or all of the lease, rental, or ownership costs of that community-based office, and
- ii) The community-based facility in which the eligible services are provided must be in an eligible location and have a unique Facility Number registered with MSP, and
- iii) The physician must be registered with MSP as a physician practicing at that Facility, and
- iv) The correct Facility Number must be entered on each claim where the eligible service is rendered.

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