



Practice Guideline: Uninsured Services (2017)

Practice Guidelines are recommendations developed by the College with which members should be familiar and follow whenever and wherever possible and appropriate.

Uninsured Services

Preamble

Patients may request physician services which are not covered by the Medical Care Plan (MCP). Physicians are entitled to charge patients for these uninsured services in accordance with this Practice Guideline.

Definitions

Uninsured services: services provided by a physician to a patient which are not paid for by MCP. Examples include: sick notes for work, transfer of medical records.

Practice Guideline

The College expects physicians to adhere to the following guidelines when determining whether to charge a patient a fee for an uninsured service:

- The fee charged should be reasonable. A physician should take into consideration his/her professional and administrative costs, as well as the patient's ability to pay.
- Refer to the Newfoundland & Labrador Medical Association's Physician's Guide to Billing Non-Insured Services for the recommended schedule of fees (if applicable). Physicians must let patients know if they are charging more than this guide.
- Inform patients of any fee to be charged in advance of providing the uninsured service.

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CPSO (2010). Block Fees and Uninsured Services
CPSA (2014). Charging for Uninsured Professional Services

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