
MEMO

Date:	March 15, 2015
To:	Physicians on Sessional Contracts
From:	Medical Affairs and Physician Compensation
Re:	2016 Sessional Reporting Update

The Ministry of Health in conjunction with the Health Authorities is working towards improving the reporting of patient services provided under sessional contracts.

As a result, Northern Health has developed a new sessional reporting system which has the capacity to collect the required additional information for sessional encounters. The new sessional system has a tentative launch date of May 14, 2016. Physicians can begin entering their usual sessional information into the new system at this time.

Additional reporting requirements will be phased in over the year on a program by program basis and as programs are required to start reporting we will work with each physician to ensure a smooth transition with minimal impact to you.

To ensure that physicians are aware that their reporting obligations will change, the new sessional contracts for 2016 will include the following statement under Appendix 5 Reporting:

"In addition, the Physician acknowledges that the required reporting obligations may change during the course of the Term. In particular, the Physician is required, at the Agency's instruction, to commence providing the Agency with all of the information set out in the clauses 14.1.1, 14.1.2 and 14.1.3 of the Contract for the Services provided under the Sessions, so that the Agency may fulfill its obligation to transmit these details to the Government. In particular, upon the Agency's request, the Physician will commence providing the following information to the Agency for each of the Services provided under the Sessions:"

- Practitioner number;
- Practitioner name;
- Patient PHN;
- Patient name;
- Service/shift start time;
- Fee Item or Encounter Record Code;
- Diagnostic Codes;
- Service date;
- Service/shift end time.

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