

AGREEMENT TO AMEND PHYSICIAN AGREEMENT

BETWEEN:

HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA,
as represented by the Minister of Health and Wellness

OF THE FIRST PART

-and-

DOCTORS NOVA SCOTIA, a body corporate continued by the *Doctors Nova Scotia Act, SNS 1995-96, c 12*

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS the Parties entered into a Physician Agreement dated the 24th of July, 2023 (the "Physician Agreement");

AND WHEREAS the Parties wish to amend the Physician Agreement as provided herein:

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the terms of this Agreement the Parties agree as follows:

1. Article 4(c)(ii) of the Physician Agreement is deleted and the following substituted:

(ii) Prolonged Geriatric Office Visit for ME=CARE;
2. Schedule "B" of the Physician Agreement is amended by deleting "Geriatric Office Visit" and all text in relation thereto, and substituting the following:

PROLONGED GERIATRIC OFFICE VISIT FOR ME=CARE

03.03A

20.99 MSU +MU

Description:

This service is paid to family physicians who are delivering face to face comprehensive and continuous care to patients aged 65 or older with whom they have an ongoing relationship. Prolonged geriatric office visits are paid in 15-minute time blocks or portion thereof, 80% of the time must be spent in direct physician to patient contact. Prolonged geriatric office visits are not to be confused with active treatment associated with detention.

Billing Guidelines:

- Only physicians eligible to bill the ME=CARE modifier may bill for prolonged geriatric office visits.
- Each office visit can be billed up to a maximum of 60 minutes (83.96MSU) per day. This would include a base fee plus up to 3 additional multiples of 15 minutes each.
- Start and stop times are required for any visit billed with multiples greater than 1. The start and stop times must be documented in the health record and on the text field of the

claim.

- Multiples are not applicable for virtual care.

Multiples:

20.99 MSU per 15 minutes to a maximum of 4 multiples (60 minutes) per day.

Premium Eligible:

TI=GPEW

Specialty Restriction:

SP=GENP

Location:

LO=OFFC

3. Schedule "B" of the Physician Agreement is further amended by deleting the following text under "PROLONGED OFFICE VISIT FOR ME=CARE":

The prolonged office visit can be billed for patients aged 65 and over when the visit is longer than 15 minutes. This code plus multiples is billed instead of 3.03A.

4. In all other respects the Physician Agreement shall remain unamended.

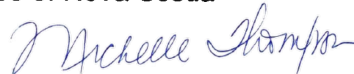
IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective officers duly authorized in that behalf on the dates hereinafter set forth.



(signature of witness)

Name: Tina Little

HIS MAJESTY THE KING in right of the
Province of Nova Scotia



(signature)

Name: Honourable Michelle Thompson

Title: Minister

Date: August 30, 2023



(signature of witness)

Name: Sonia Abi-Ajab

DOCTORS NOVA SCOTIA



(signature)

Name: Dr. André Bernard

Title: Board Chair

Date: August 16, 2023