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TO: FEE-FOR-SERVICE GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

RE: HOLIDAY DATES FOR FEE CODE 139 - 2010

Fee code 139 was introduced to recognize General Practitioners who open their offices for regularly scheduled clinics on weekday evenings, weekends and Statutory Holidays and thus relieve demands placed on hospital emergency departments. The parties to the *Memorandum of Agreement* have agreed that when a General Practitioner holds a clinic on a day when a Statutory Holiday is observed and that date differs from the legal date, fee code 139 can be claimed in addition to the applicable office fee codes on the observed date.

The table below lists the dates which are considered Statutory Holidays for the purpose of claiming fee code 139.

Statutory or Civic Holidays	Day of Week	Observed Date
New Year's Day	Friday	January 1
St. Patrick's Day	Monday	March 15
Good Friday	Friday	April 2
St. George's Day	Monday	April 19
Victoria Day	Monday	May 24
Discovery Day	Monday	June 21
Memorial Day	Thursday	July 1
Orangeman's Day	Monday	July 12
Grand Falls-Windsor Day (Grand Falls-Windsor location only)	Monday	July 19
Royal St. John's Regatta Day (St. John's location only)	Wednesday	August 4
Labour Day	Monday	September 6
Thanksgiving Day	Monday	October 11
Remembrance Day	Thursday	November 11
Christmas Day	Monday	December 27
Boxing Day	Tuesday	December 28

The following rules apply with respect to claiming fee code 139:

- Fee code 139 can be billed by General Practitioners who see patients in regular scheduled clinics between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight on weekdays, on weekends or on **OBSERVED** Statutory Holidays.
- It can only be billed in addition to General Practice fee codes 101, 111, 112, 114, 118, 121, 122, 123, 124, 126, 131, 132, 136.
- Fee code 139 is **NOT PAYABLE** when special visit codes, 50, 52 or 53, are claimed.
- To document this code for services rendered, the start time for the patient encounter must be entered on the record of service. For weekends and Statutory Holidays, the date of service is sufficient.

Queries concerning claims submission should be directed to Ms. Paulette Davis, Claims Processing Manager. Ms. Davis can be contacted by telephone at (709) 292-4013, or by email at PauletteDavis@gov.nl.ca.

