

## mcp newsletter

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**To: FEE-FOR-SERVICE GENERAL PRACTITIONERS**

**Re: HOLIDAY DATES FOR FEE CODE 139 - 2009**

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	Observed Date	Day of Week
New Year's Day	January 1	Thursday
St. Patrick's Day	March 16	Monday
Good Friday	April 10	Friday
St. George's Day	April 20	Monday
Victoria Day	May 18	Monday
Discovery Day	June 22	Monday
Memorial Day	July 1	Wednesday
Orangeman's Day	July 13	Monday
Grand Falls-Windsor Day (Grand Falls-Windsor location only)	July 20	Monday
Royal St. John's Regatta Day (St. John's location only)	August 5	Wednesday
Labour Day	September 7	Monday
Thanksgiving Day	October 12	Monday
Remembrance Day	November 11	Wednesday
Christmas Day	December 25	Friday
Boxing Day	December 28	Monday

**The following rules apply to claiming fee code 139:**

- Fee code 139 can be billed by General Practitioners who see patients in regularly scheduled clinics between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight on weekdays, or on weekends, or on dates statutory holidays are **OBSERVED**.
- It can only be billed in addition to General Practice fee codes 101, 111, 112, 114, 118, 121, 122, 125, 126, 131, 132.
- 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.

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