

mcp newsletter

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TO: LASER SKIN SURGEONS

RE: CHANGES TO MCP COVERAGE OF LASER TREATMENT OF VASCULAR SKIN LESIONS

TELANGIECTASIA:

Under the authority of paragraph 20(b) of the *Medical Care Insurance Act, 1999*, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has amended the *Medical Care Insurance Insured Services Regulations* so that the laser treatment of telangiectasia will no longer be considered an insured service as of March 1, 2013. A copy of the regulations will be published in the Newfoundland and Labrador Gazette on February 28, 2013 and is available upon request from the Department of Health and Community Services.

This service had been billable under fee codes 54430 and 54432 with remarks code 32.

Patients who received laser treatment of telangiectasia between September 1, 2012 and February 28, 2013:

For patients who received between one and three treatments, between September 1, 2012 and February 28, 2013, a transitional period has been granted.

- Patients who received one treatment session will be eligible for coverage of up to three more treatment sessions between March 1 and May 31, 2013.
- Patients who received two treatment sessions will be eligible for coverage of up to two more treatment sessions between March 1 and May 31, 2013.
- Patients who received three treatment sessions will be eligible for coverage of one more treatment session between March 1 and May 31, 2013.

MCP will compare claims submitted for services rendered during the transitional period with data in the MCP statistics system to confirm patient eligibility.

Treatments will not be considered insured services on or after June 1, 2013.

All other patients:

The laser treatment of telangiectasia will not be considered an insured service after February 28, 2013.

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ALL OTHER LISTED VASCULAR LESIONS:

Laser treatment of the other vascular lesions listed in the Dermatology subsection of the Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures section of the MCP Medical Payment Schedule will continue to be insured. However, effective March 1, 2013 coverage will only be available on a prior approval basis. To apply for coverage, laser surgeons will have to submit patient records which include sufficient information to identify the nature of the lesion proposed to be treated. Cover letters alone will not be sufficient to obtain approval. Applications for coverage should be sent to:

Assistant Medical Director, MCP
Belvedere Building, Department of Health and Community Services
St. John's, NL A1B 4J6

Questions regarding the content of this Newsletter can be directed to the Assistant Medical Director at 709- 758-1501. Questions regarding MCP billing should be directed to MCP by calling the 1-800-440-4405 toll free number.