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TO: FEE-FOR-SERVICE GENERAL PRACTICE AND OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY PHYSICIANS

RE: MIFEGYMISO – MEDICAL ABORTION

In consultation with the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association (NLMA), the Department of Health and Community Services (DHCS) is introducing a new fee code for medical abortion. This fee code is effective September 1st 2018 to coincide with universal coverage of mifegymiso.

Code		GP/Spec	Anaes.
54607	Medical Abortion	187.49	

Note: fee code 54607 is a comprehensive fee which is billed one-time only when a physician prescribes a medication for medical abortion. This fee then includes all services associated with providing the medical abortion including: the consultation and/or visit during which the medication is prescribed; counselling; ordering and/or performing and/or interpreting of laboratory tests and diagnostic imaging; any follow-up communications or visits.

This fee may be billed for services rendered in office, home, hospital, or other health care facilities.

Furthermore, fee code 81016 (“therapeutic abortion”) will be changed to “surgical abortion”.

In completing ultrasound requisitions for the Regional Health Authorities (RHAs) prior to prescribing mifegymiso, the Department of Health and Community Services provides the following instructions:

- Indicate “urgent” in the priority/urgency section;
- Enter last menstrual period (LMP) if known;
- In the Clinical History/Instructions section:
 - State “**dating ultrasound for support to prescribing mifegymiso.**”
 - Provide the β HCG level if known. Make arrangements for obtaining the β HCG level if it has not been ordered.

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