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TO: FEE-FOR-SERVICE GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

RE: HOLIDAY DATES FOR FEE CODE 139 – 2019

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. 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	Tuesday	January 1
St. Patrick's Day	Monday	March 18
Good Friday	Friday	April 19
St. George's Day	Monday	April 22
Victoria Day	Monday	May 20
Discovery Day	Monday	June 24
Memorial Day	Monday	July 1
Orangeman's Day	Monday	July 15
Grand Falls-Windsor Day (Grand Falls-Windsor location only)*	Monday	July 22*
Royal St. John's Regatta Day (St. John's location only)*	Wednesday	August 7*
Labour Day	Monday	September 2
Thanksgiving Day	Monday	October 14
Remembrance Day	Monday	November 11
Christmas Day	Wednesday	December 25
Boxing Day	Thursday	December 26

***Or the day on which the Civic Holiday is actually held**

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, weekends or **OBSERVED** Statutory Holidays.
- General Practitioners who practice outside St. John's & Grand Falls-Windsor may only bill fee code 139 for patients seen in regular scheduled clinics between the hours of 6 pm and midnight on July 22 and August 7, 2019.
- It can only be billed in addition to General Practice fee codes 101, 111, 112, 114, 118, 121, 122, 123, 124, 126, 127, 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. Beverley Pelley, Claims Processing Manager. Ms. Pelley can be contacted by telephone at (709) 292-4013, toll free at 1-800-440-4405 or by email at BeverleyPelley@gov.nl.ca