

Information Bulletin

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Attention: MARP Providers

Subject: New Fee Code: MARP Physician Telephone Discussion with Physiotherapist - 1218048

It has been brought to our attention that MARP physicians regularly consult with community physiotherapists during the MARP process. To compensate MARP providers for this service, a new fee code, 1218048, has been added to the fee schedule. Contract amendments to reflect this change were emailed to providers on November 14, 2018.

In order to invoice for fee code 1218048:

- The summary of the telephone discussion must be documented in the MARP Discharge Report.

The new fee code may be billed in addition to the:

- MARP Assessment
- MARP Reassessment
- MARP Subsequent Visit Assessment and Report

When a worker is under the care of a community physiotherapist we encourage collaboration between the MARP physician and the physiotherapist to promote safe and early return to work. Please be aware, some community physiotherapists may not know about the MARP program. When speaking with a community physiotherapist, please consider advising them of the following:

- What is Medical Assessment and Return to Work Planning (MARP)?
- What is your role as a MARP physician?
- The purpose of the call; why you would like to involve them? Topics of discussion may include:
 - clarification of diagnosis
 - review of treatment plan and/or modifications to current treatment plan
 - treatment plan timeframes
 - review of activity prescription (including restrictions and limitations)
 - discussing activities that will improve capacity (objective limitations) and tolerance (subjective limitations)

- Community physiotherapy providers may invoice WorkSafeBC for the time they spend speaking to a MARP physician using the Physiotherapy Fee Code 19204.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

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