

PRIMARY CARE NETWORK ENCOUNTER REPORTING

Documents:

- Encounter Reporting for GP Contracts
- Attachment Reporting for GP/NP Contracts
- PCN Clinic Setup for Encounter Reporting (note: the bulk of this work will fall to health authorities)

Purpose: Information and guidance to all PCN communities/clinics around new requirements for FP/NP attachment code reporting and encounter reporting, as part of PCN Service Contracts.

NEW PROCESS: REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR GPs & NPs WITH PCN SERVICE CONTRACTS

- As part of a process for family physicians (FPs) and nurse practitioners (NPs) with Primary Care Network (PCN) service contracts, some reporting is required to effectively measure progress and effectiveness of this work (particularly with respect to attaching patients).

ENCOUNTER RECORDS

- **FPs and NPs with PCN service contracts are required to submit encounter records.**
- **NPs** use their own established set of encounter codes.
- **For FPs**, newly established encounter codes replace billing codes.
- Billing codes have been **combined** to some degree and where possible, to create more **simplified** encounter codes.
- Most physicians within B.C. submit FFS claims to the Medical Services Plan (MSP)/Health Insurance BC (HIBC) via Teleplan. **The same process is used to submit encounter records.**

ATTACHMENT RECORDS:

- **Contracted FPs and NPs** working in PCNs submit an attachment record for each patient who becomes part of their panel.
- **Established FPs and NPs** with existing patient panels submit attachment records to identify **only new patients attached to their practice as a result of approved PCN funding**.
- **Established FPs and NPs** are **not required to retroactively submit attachment reports** for those patients who joined their panels prior to the introduction of PCN-funded resources into their practices.
- **Each of these processes are new**, and will be monitored for effectiveness and ease-of-use over time.

In this initial period, we are expecting to learn as we go, and there may be changes to the codes or guidance along the way. Stakeholders will be informed of any changes, and up-to-date codes and guidance will be posted on the PCN Toolkit at www.pcnbc.ca/pcn