



Encounter Reporting for PCN NP Contracts MSP Service Code Grouping

Nurse Practitioners (NPs) engaged under the PCN NP Contract will submit Encounter Records to the Medical Services Plan (MSP) / Health Insurance BC (HIBC) via Teleplan in accordance with the requirements, rules and procedures of MSP/HIBC for the Services provided under the contract.

Encounter Records will include the following information:

- a. MSP Payee Number,
- b. Practitioner Number,
- c. Patient's/Client's personal health number (PHN),
- d. Patient/Client Name,
- e. Date of services,
- f. Encounter code(s),
- g. Start Time (for that day),
- h. End Time (for that day),
- i. ICD-9 diagnostic codes (1 code mandatory, 3 maximum),
- j. Location Code,
- k. Note, and
- l. Referring/Referred practitioner # (if the physician is referring patient to or receiving a referral from another practitioner).

With respect to f. above, NPs will use the list of encounter codes provided by MSP/HIBC and outlined in this document, as amended from time to time.

With respect to g. and h. above, start and end times are required in order to distinguish work done under the contract from other work undertaken by the NP.

The NP will also submit an Attachment Record to MSP/HIBC via Teleplan on a one-time basis for each patient where attachment is agreed to by the NP and the patient upon completion of an attachment conversation. For more information on Attachment Records and Attachment Conversations, including the list of PCN-specific Attachment Codes, please see the separate guidance document.

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Table 1 illustrates how the Medical Services Plan (MSP) Service Codes associated with the primary care core services outlined in the PCN NP contract map to the simplified encounter code groupings. Services provided under the PCN NP contract will be reported using the following 17 Encounter Codes.

Table 1. Service Code to Encounter Code Grouping		
Fee Code	Encounter Code Grouping	Service Code Description
97551	NP Complete Examinations	Complete Examinations (0101)
97552	NP Complex Care Activities	GPSC - GP Services Committee
		GPSC II
97554	NP Counselling	Counselling (0120)
97555	NP Emergency Visits	Emergency Visits
97556	NP Immunization	General Services (Non-Invasive Tests, Proc.)
97557	NP Institutional Visits	Institutional Visits
97558	NP Mental Health Care	General Services (Non-Invasive Tests, Proc.)
97559	NP Minor Surgery/Therapeutic Procedures	Minor Surgery, Minor Ther. Procedures
		Other (Needle Biopsies, 0x99, Etc.)
97560	NP Non-Invasive Tests/Procedures	General Services (Non-Invasive Tests, Proc.)
97561	NP Pathology/Diagnostic Activities	Pathology (Category 1)
		Pulmonary Function
		Electrodiagnosis
97562	NP Visits	Regional Examinations (0100,0107)
		Home Visits
		Miscellaneous and Other Visits (GP)
		Visit Premiums
97563	NP Obstetrics	Obstetrics
97565	NP Consultation	Consultation (0110)
97566	Telehealth NP Consultation	Consultation (0110)
97567	Telehealth NP Visit	Regional Examinations (0100,0107)
97568	Telehealth NP Counselling	Counselling (0120)
97569	NP Telephone Services	GPSC - GP Services Committee
		GPSC II

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Table 2 maps the individual existing NP Encounter Codes to their respective Simplified Encounter Code Groupings.

Notes:

- Simplified NP Encounter Reporting does not use complexity codes.
- Simplified NP Encounter Reporting does not use start and stop times for individual codes (all encounter records require a shift start and end time as noted above).
- Table 2 does not contain the full text of Advice for each of the existing NP Encounter Codes. Please refer to the Ministry of Health website to reference the existing codes.¹
- Diagnostic ICD-9 codes and V-codes are expected to continue to be submitted as appropriate for the patient encounter.
- If the NP provides a service not captured in the list of codes below but for which a previous encounter code exists (e.g. MAID), the NP should use the existing code.

Table 2. Existing NP Encounter Code Mapping to Simplified Encounter Code Grouping	
Existing NP Encounter Code	Encounter Record Description
97551 – NP Complete Examinations	
<i>Initial visit of new patient in primary location of practice. Includes complete history and physical examination, review of imaging and laboratory findings, and establishing an ongoing plan of care.</i>	
36315	Initial visit (Age 0-1)
36445	Initial visit (Age 2-19)
36316	Initial visit (Age 20-49)
36438	Initial visit (Age 50-59)
36317	Initial visit (Age 60-69)
36318	Initial visit (Age 70-79)
36319	Initial visit (Age 80+)
97552 – NP Complex Care Activities	
<i>Includes chronic disease management, mental health management, urgent calls with specialists, risk assessments, and palliative care planning. This code can be submitted on its own or in combination with a visit or examination code (for case management that goes beyond a standard visit).</i>	

¹ <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/msp/nurse-practitioners>

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36641	Chronic Disease Management – Diabetes Mellitus
36642	Chronic Disease Management – Heart Failure
36643	Chronic Disease Management – Hypertension
36644	Chronic Disease Management – COPD
36646	Complex care plan visit in primary location of practice for patients with two or more chronic conditions
36377	Family conference
36640	Palliative care planning
36372	Case conference
36374	Case management
97554 – NP Counselling	
<i>Includes both individual and group counselling.</i>	
36340	Counselling
36342	Counselling for groups of two or more patients
97555 – NP Emergency Visits	
<i>Simple/Fast Track Visit and ED Visit – when primary location of practice in Emergency Department (includes assessment(s), therapeutic interventions and discharge of patient from the Emergency Department).</i>	
36601	Simple/Fast Track visit (Age 0-1)
36447	Simple/Fast Track visit (Age 2-19)
36602	Simple/Fast Track visit (Age 20-49)
36440	Simple/Fast Track visit (Age 50-59)

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36603	Simple/Fast Track visit (Age 60-69)
36604	Simple/Fast Track visit (Age 70-79)
36605	Simple/Fast Track visit (Age 80+)
36606	Emergency Department visit (Age 0-1)
36448	Emergency Department visit (Age 2-19)
36607	Emergency Department visit (Age 20-49)
36441	Emergency Department visit (Age 50-59)
36608	Emergency Department visit (Age 60-69)
36609	Emergency Department visit (Age 70-79)
36610	Emergency Department visit (Age 80+)
97556 – NP Immunization	
<i>Includes all immunizations, all age groups.</i>	
36214	Immunization by NP, patient < 19 – DTAPP-P
36215	Immunization by NP, patient < 19 – DTAP-P-HIB
36216	Immunization by NP, patient < 19 – TD
36217	Immunization by NP, patient < 19 – TDP
36218	Immunization by NP, patient < 19 – TDAP
36219	Immunization by NP, patient < 19 – INFLUENZA
36220	Immunization by NP, patient < 19 – HEP A

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36221	Immunization by NP, patient < 19 – HEP B
36222	Immunization by NP, patient < 19 – HIB
36223	Immunization by NP, patient < 19 – POLIO INACTIV
36224	Immunization by NP, patient < 19 – MEN-C-C
36225	Immunization by NP, patient < 19 – MEN-P-ACYW135
36226	Immunization by NP, patient < 19 – MMR
36227	Immunization by NP, patient < 19 – PNEU-C-7
36228	Immunization by NP, patient < 19 – PNEU-C-23
36229	Immunization by NP, patient < 19 – RABIES
36231	Immunization by NP, patient < 19 – VARICELLA
36232	Immunization by NP, patient < 19 – INFARIN HEXA
36233	Immunization by NP, patient > 19 – HPV
36235	Immunization by NP, patient > 19 – ROTAVIRUS (ORAL)
97557 – NP Institutional Visits	
<i>Includes tertiary hospital visit, LTC facility visit, and supportive care hospital visit.</i>	
36620	Reassessment visit
36621	Acute/Critical Status visit
97558 – NP Mental Health Care	
<i>Includes crisis intervention, mental health investigation, mental health documentation, mental health: voluntary committal.</i>	
36630	Mental health – initial planned visit

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97559 – NP Minor Surgery / Therapeutic Procedures	
<i>Includes IUD insertion/removal, biopsy, wedge resection, lacerations, foreign body removal, I&D, Nail removal, Cryotherapy, small tumor excision, injections to joints, warts treatment.</i>	
36411	Minor procedures including minor lacerations, foreign body removal, incision and drainage of superficial abscess, including furuncles, toenail removal, cryotherapy,
36365	Insertion/removal intrauterine device
36412	Complex procedures including major lacerations
36410	Skin biopsy including punch, ellipse, shaved
36369	Application of splints/casts
97560 – NP Non-Invasive Tests, Procedures	
<i>Includes pelvic exam, subcutaneous/intramuscular injections, trigger point injections, venipuncture and ear syringing.</i>	
36366	Routine pelvic exam including Papanicolaou smear
36292	Syringing ear, irrigation of external auditory canal
36210	Injections including: intramuscular, intravenous, venipuncture, subcutaneous, desensitization treatments, immunization for adults > 19 years (except HPV)
97561 – NP Pathology / Diagnostic Activities	
<i>Includes ECG interpretation, Glucose point of care testing, Urinalysis screening, Pregnancy test, Urine Drug Screens, Peak Flow Rates.</i>	
36500	Glucose, semiquantitative
36501	Pregnancy test, immunologic, urine
36503	Candida culture
36504	Examination for pinworm ova
36505	Fern test
36507	Haemoglobin, cyanmethaemoglobin method

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36508	Haemoglobin, other methods
36509	Occult blood, faeces
36511	Secretion smear for eosinophils
36512	Sedimentation rate
36513	Sperm, seminal exam, for presence or absence
36514	Stained smear
36515	Trichomonas and/or candida, direct examination
36516	Urinalysis, chemical or any part of
36517	Urinalysis, micro exam of centrifuged deposit
36518	Urinalysis, complete diagnosis, semi-quant & micro
36519	White cell count only (see haemoglobin protocol)
36520	Examination for eosinophils in secretions, excretions and other body fluids
36521	Nurse Practitioner point of care (POC) testing for opioid agonist treatment
36522	Nurse Practitioner point of care (POC) testing for amphetamines, benzodiazepines, buprenorphine/naloxone, cocaine metabolites, methadone metabolites, opioids and Oxycodone
36243	Anticoagulation therapy, review of coagulation profile and adjustments to therapy
97562 – NP Visits	
<i>Includes in or out of office visits/regional exams for all ages, home visits, and “miscellaneous visits” (HIV management, on call). Does not include institutional or Emergency visits.</i>	
36420	Patient visit, Complexity Level 1 (Age 0-1)
36442	Patient visit, Complexity Level 1 (Age 2-19)

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36421	Patient visit, Complexity Level 1 (Age 20-49)
36422	Patient visit, Complexity Level 1 (Age 50-59)
36423	Patient visit, Complexity Level 1 (Age 60-69)
36424	Patient visit, Complexity Level 1 (Age 70-79)
36425	Patient visit, Complexity Level 1 (Age 80+)
36426	Patient visit, Complexity Level 2 (Age 0-1)
36443	Patient visit, Complexity Level 2 (Age 2-19)
36427	Patient visit, Complexity Level 2 (Age 20-49)
36428	Patient visit, Complexity Level 2 (Age 50-59)
36429	Patient visit, Complexity Level 2 (Age 60-69)
36430	Patient visit, Complexity Level 2 (Age 70-79)
36431	Patient visit, Complexity Level 2 (Age 80+)
36432	Patient visit, Complexity Level 3 (Age 0-1)
36444	Patient visit, Complexity Level 3 (Age 2-19)
36433	Patient visit, Complexity Level 3 (Age 20-49)
36434	Patient visit, Complexity Level 3 (Age 50-59)
36435	Patient visit, Complexity Level 3 (Age 60-69)
36436	Patient visit, Complexity Level 3 (Age 70-79)

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Existing NP Encounter Code	Encounter Record Description
36437	Patient visit, Complexity Level 3 (Age 80+)
36523	Walk-in visit (Age 0-1)
36524	Walk-in visit (Age 2-19)
36525	Walk-in visit (Age 20-49)
36526	Walk-in visit (Age 50-59)
36527	Walk-in visit (Age 60-69)
36528	Walk-in visit (Age 70-79)
36529	Walk-in visit (Age 80+)
97563 – NP Obstetrics	
<i>Includes prenatal visit complete exam, prenatal visit subsequent exam, and postnatal office visit.</i>	
36360	Prenatal visit – Initial, uncomplicated pre-natal care includes a complete examination
36361	Prenatal visit – Monthly visits to 32 weeks, then visits every second week to 36 weeks, and weekly visits thereafter to delivery.
36363	Post natal office visit six weeks following delivery (vaginal or Caesarean Section)
36255	Newborn care – routine, in hospital care until baby is registered
97565 – NP Consultation	
<i>Includes NP referral to GP or specialist for consultation or management, use of RACE line for specialist advice, and telephone or in person review of patient with NP, GP or specialist.</i>	
36202	NP-Advice to Nurse Practitioner code -telephone or in person (if by telephone, use 97519)
36320	Consultation (Age 0-1)
36446	Consultation (Age 2-19)
36321	Consultation (Age 20-49)

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36439	Consultation (Age 50-59)
36322	Consultation (Age 60-69)
36323	Consultation (Age 70-79)
36324	Consultation (Age 80+)
97566 – Telehealth NP Consultation	
<i>Includes all Consultations delivered as a Telehealth Service.</i>	
<i>“Telehealth Service” is defined as a medical practitioner delivered health service provided to a patient via live image transmission of those images to a receiving medical practitioner at another approved site, through the use of video technology. “Video technology” means the recording, reproducing and broadcasting of live visual images utilizing a direct interactive video link with a patient. If the sending and/or receiving medical practitioner are not in a Health Authority approved site, the medical practitioner is responsible for the confidentiality and security of all records and transmissions related to the telehealth service.</i>	
97567 – Telehealth NP Visit	
<i>Includes all Patient Visits delivered as a Telehealth Service.</i>	
97568 – Telehealth NP Counselling	
<i>Includes all Counselling Services delivered as a Telehealth Service.</i>	
97569 – NP Telephone Services	
<i>Includes all patient advice and management provided by telephone, and not covered by telehealth codes.</i>	
36280	Telephone contact (with practitioner)
36281	Tele-management visit (with patient)

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