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Subject: COVID-19 Vaccine Awareness Program (CVAP)	Reference:

To: All Physicians and Billing Staff

Community physicians have been a strong support in the provincial vaccine rollout, and as we continue to work together to increase the percentage of Albertans vaccinated, CVAP has been developed to support physicians to reach out to their patients.

All Physicians in Alberta

HSC 03.01CC may be claimed retroactively by all physicians who have called their patients via telephone or videoconference to address concerns related to COVID-19 vaccine by providing education or counselling between **May 01, 2021 and June 21, 2021**. **Please follow detailed notes on page 2.**

Physicians in Targeted Areas

Effective June 21, 2021, physicians who call their patients residing in the eligible [Local Geographical Areas \(LGAs\)](#) listed in Table 1 via telephone or videoconference to address concerns related to COVID-19 vaccine by providing education or counselling regarding COVID-19 vaccine to their patients may claim HSC 03.01CC. **Please follow detailed notes on page 2.**

Table 1 - Eligible LGAs

• BEAVERLODGE	• DRAYTON VALLEY	• ST. PAUL
• BONNYVILLE	• FAIRVIEW	• TABER MD
• CALGARY EAST	• FROG LAKE	• TWO HILLS COUNTY
• CALGARY LOWER NE	• HIGH LEVEL	• VALLEYVIEW
• CALGARY UPPER NE	• HIGH PRAIRIE	• VERMILION RIVER COUNTY
• CARDSTON-KAINAI	• MANNING	• WABASCA
• COUNTY OF FORTY MILE	• RED DEER COUNTY	• WOOD BUFFALO
	• ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE	
	• SPIRIT RIVER	

Detailed Notes - HSC 03.01CC:

Telephone advice and counselling to a patient or their agent (agent as defined in the *Personal Directives Act*) regarding the COVID-19 vaccine \$20

NOTES:

1. This is a temporary HSC to support COVID-19 vaccine uptake in LGAs where vaccine uptake is lower than 50 percent (see Table 1).
2. All Alberta physicians that have offered this service during the period of May 1, 2021 and June 21, 2021 are also eligible to submit claims retroactively from May 1, 2021.
3. May only be claimed for patients who have not received a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
4. May only be claimed when the **physician** provides the counselling or education to the patient or their agent regarding the COVID-19 vaccine and the physician or a qualified health care provider determines the eligibility (e.g., immunization status on Netcare) of a patient for the COVID-19 vaccine.
5. May be claimed if the physician counsels the patient during the call but the counselling does not result in a patient receiving the COVID-19 vaccine or setting up an appointment for vaccine.
6. May not be claimed in addition to any other HSCs except HSC 13.59V and 13.59VA on the same date of service.
7. May only be claimed once per patient, per physician.
8. May only be billed with diagnostic code 079.82 or 079.8.
9. As this is a physician support program, this HSC is not included in the daily patient visit cap.

Billing System Updates:

Changes to the CLASS are underway but will take time. Please hold all 03.01CC claims until further notice. A new Medical Bulletin providing information about the completion of CLASS changes will be issued.

Inquiries:

Any inquiries regarding this Program or HSC can be sent to health-pcsp.admin@gov.ab.ca

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