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BROADCAST TITLE (50 char): Amend FIs 13003 and 13194

BROADCAST MESSAGE (UP TO 5 PAGES, 12 LINES PER PAGE, 76 CHARACTERS PER LINE):

Effective March 1, 2025, fee items 13194 and 13003 have had their descriptions amended to account for the new surgical assist fee 13197 being added to the MSC Payment Schedule; they are now the following:

13194 First Surgical Assist of the Day

Notes:

- i) Restricted to Family Physicians.
- ii) Maximum of one per physician per day.
- iii) Payable in addition to 00193, 00195, 00196, 00197, 13197.

P13003 Body Mass Index Surgical Assist Surcharge –
Payable at 25% of the listed surgical assist fee

Notes:

- i) Payable for any surgical assist provided when the patient has a Body Mass Index (BMI) greater than or equal to 35.
- ii) Payable for all surgeries for which surgical assist fee codes 00193, 00195, 00196, 00197, and 13197 are billable.
- iii) The patient's BMI must be provided in the claim note record and documented in the patient's chart and/or operative report.
- iv) Maximum of one BMI surcharge per operation unless two surgical assistants are providing concurrent surgical assistance during the same surgery.
- v) Out-of-office hours operative surcharges (01210, 01211, and 01212) are not payable on the BMI surgical assist surcharge.

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PY-PAYEES -----	PAYEE NO.
PR- PRACTITIONER -----	PRACTITIONER NO.
SP-SPECIALTY -----	SPECIALTY CODE
AI-ASSOCIATION IDENTIFIER -----	MD – BC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
A -ALL -----	LEAVE TARGET KEY BLANK
PS-PAYEE STATUS -----	C - VESTED INTEREST LAB
	F - PRIMARY CARE
	H - HOSPITAL
	I - INACTIVE PAYEE
	L - LABORATORY
	M - ACTIVE PAYEE
	V - 3RD PARTY- OUT OF PROVINCE
	Y – ALTERNATIVE PAYMENTS PROGRAM