

Effective **April 24, 2020**, the Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living has authorized the following time limited tariffs to be paid during the COVID-19 pandemic response in Manitoba, the duration of these time limited tariffs to be determined by Manitoba. These tariffs are to be claimed for virtual visits that are provided in place of in-clinic visit services, and are not deemed to be included in the Manitoba Physician's Manual.

Tariff	Description	Rate
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VIRTUAL CONSULTATIONS

Effective date: April 24, 2020

8535	Virtual consultation by telephone or video	Rate: Paid equal to the consultation tariff (8550, 8553, 8556, 8516, 8617 or 8557) for the physician's bloc of practice.
8521	Virtual consultation telephone or video, involving child or geriatric patient, by a psychiatrist.	Rate: Paid equal to the consultation tariffs (8622,8554)

Tariff 8535 and 8521 may be billed for consultations involving virtual (by telephone or video) encounters with the patient.

Notes:

- 1) With the exception of the requirement for an in-person physical exam, the Physician's Manual Rules of Application 7-10 apply.
- 2) Services must be personally rendered by the physician, i.e., no claim may be made for a virtual visit in which only a physician proxy, e.g., nurse or clerk, participates.
- 3) After Hours Premiums may not be claimed in addition, except for urgent or emergent communications.
- 4) Medical services provided must be documented in the patient chart and such documentation is required upon request by Manitoba, to support the claim
- 5) Start and stop times must be denoted on the medical claim.
- 6) Regional differentials shall apply only to physicians who are located in Brandon, rural or northern areas, and who are providing care to patients in that area.
- 7) Where a subsequent in-person service is provided to the patient for the same condition by the physician, the physician shall be entitled to claim a regional or subsequent examination fee for the in-person service, notwithstanding that the in person service, has been provided within sixty (60) days of the virtual consultative assessment service. After 60 days from the consultation, a complete examination may be claimed where rendered in person.
- 8) When claiming 8521:
 - (a) Patient must be under eighteen (18) years of age; or,
 - (b) The patient must be at least seventy (70) years of age, and, for the purposes of geriatric patients, Tariff 8521 may be claimed only by a physician holding certification as a geriatric psychiatrist with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or as designated by the WRHA Mental Health Program.

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VIRTUAL PSYCHIATRIC CARE BY PSYCHIATRISTS

8786 Virtual psychiatric care by telephone or video	\$62.40 <i>Effective date: April 24, 2020</i>
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Notes:

- 1) A minimum of a full fifteen (15) minute period and a maximum of thirty (30) minutes (of 8786 and 8584 combined) may be claimed per patient per day.
- 2) Tariff rate is payable for the first full fifteen (15) minute period and for the second fifteen (15) minutes or major portion thereof.
- 3) Services must be personally rendered by the physician, i.e., no claim may be made for a virtual visit in which only a physician proxy, e.g., nurse or clerk, participates.
- 4) After Hours Premiums may not be claimed in addition, except for urgent or emergent communications.
- 5) Medical services provided must be documented in the patient chart and such documentation is required upon request by Manitoba, to support the claim submitted.
- 6) Start and stop times must be denoted on the medical claim.
- 7) Regional differentials shall apply only to physicians who are located in Brandon, rural or northern areas, and who are providing care to patients in that area.

VIRTUAL PSYCHOTHERAPY- NON PSYCHIATRIST

8655 Virtual psychotherapy by telephone or video	\$40.00 <i>Effective date: April 24, 2020</i>
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Notes:

- 1) These benefits apply to services of physicians who are not certified specialists in Psychiatry and apply only when it has been determined during a regular office visit or virtual visit that a course of psychiatric treatment is necessary and the patient has an established relationship with the physician.
- 2) New patients seeking treatment for anxiety symptoms related to the Covid-19 Pandemic will be referred to online cognitive behavior therapy services and other resources.
- 3) Tariff rate is payable for each of the first two full fifteen (15) minute periods and for each additional fifteen (15) minute period or major portion thereof.

- 4) A minimum of a full thirty (30) minute period and a maximum of ninety (90) minutes of psychotherapy (in person and virtual) may be claimed per patient per day.
 - 5) Where psychotherapy sessions with a patient extend beyond the two and one-half (2 ½) hours in any seven (7) day period, a written report is required.
 - 6) Medical services provided must be documented in the patient chart and such documentation is required upon request by Manitoba, to support the claim submitted.
 - 7) Start and stop times must be denoted on the medical claim.
 - 8) Regional differentials shall apply only to physicians who are located in Brandon, rural or northern areas, and who are providing care to patients in that area.
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CHRONIC CARE - VIRTUAL VISIT

8527 Chronic care virtual visit by telephone or video \$33.45

Effective date: April 1, 2020

Notes:

- 1) With the exception of the requirement for an in-person physical exam, the Manitoba Physician's Manual, Rule of Application 16 is deemed to apply to this Chronic Care – Virtual Visit tariff. When chronic care visits are provided virtually, tariff 8527 may be claimed for these services. Tariff 8321, "Virtual visit by telephone or video," may be claimed for virtual visits provided to patients for acute illnesses in acute phases.
- 2) Medical services provided must be documented in the patient chart and such documentation is required upon request by Manitoba, to support the claim submitted.
- 3) Start and stop times must be denoted on the medical claim.
- 4) Regional differentials shall apply only to physicians who are located in Brandon, rural or northern areas, and who are providing care to patients in that area.