

Bulletin



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Independent Health Facilities		

Subject: X-Ray Services Requisitioned by Chiropractors

The Minister of Health and Long-Term Care has designated specific radiography services (list attached) requisitioned by chiropractors and provided in an independent health facility (IHF) licensed to provide radiography as a service for or in respect of which a charge or a payment is a facility fee for the purposes of the *Independent Health Facilities Act* (IHFA). The designation was published in the Ontario Gazette on February 9, 2008. IHFs that are licensed to provide radiography services will now be able to accept requisitions from chiropractors, and bill the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in respect of the facility fee prescribed in the Schedule of Facility Fees.

Under Ontario Regulation **19/08**, this new class of services is added to radiography licences effective February 11, 2008. The regulation means that it will not be necessary for affected IHF operators to apply to add this service to their licences.

The change is expected to be implemented as follows:

- The chiropractor requisitions the x-ray services from an IHF that is licensed to perform radiography services. Patients no longer pay the chiropractor, or the IHF, nor would chiropractors pay the IHF, for the production of the x-ray imaging media.
- System changes are being made within the claims system to allow chiropractor registration numbers to be identified in the referring practitioner field of the IHF claim. IHFs bill the ministry for the prescribed facility (technical) component of the x-ray.

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- The IHF produces the x-ray and provides it to the chiropractor for interpretation; a copy of the x-ray would be retained by the IHF as required by the regulations under the IHFA.
- The x-ray is interpreted by the chiropractor; since chiropractic services are uninsured, the interpretation service is uninsured.
- The chiropractor's interpretation of the film is outside the scope of services at the IHF and would not be included in the quality assurance program mandated under the IHFA. However, the production of the image would be under the IHF quality assurance process, and the IHF must retain a copy of the x-ray and the requisition for the service.
- Interpretation of the x-ray by a radiologist is not an insured service.
- Due to the requirements in system adjustments, IHFs providing chiropractic x-ray services are requested to hold such claims for submission until after March 1, 2008.

Please note that facility fee claims for chiropractic requisitioned x-rays will reject if the chiropractor has not contacted a ministry OHIP office to obtain a registration number. The College of Chiropractors of Ontario will also communicate this requirement.

Licensees are reminded that no charges are to be made to the chiropractor or to the patient in respect of the production of, or the imaging media, for the purposes of chiropractic referred x-rays. Such charges are illegal facility fees.

If you have any questions regarding this initiative, please contact the Independent Health Facilities Program at 613-548-6637.

Fee Schedule Code	Description of Fee Schedule Code	Fee
X025B	Diagnostic Radiology (Spine and Pelvis) – Cervical Spine – Two or Three Views	28.59
X027B	Diagnostic Radiology (Spine and Pelvis) – Thoracic Spine Two Views	26.11
X028B	Diagnostic Radiology (Spine and Pelvis) – Lumbar or Lumbosacral Spine – 2 or 3 Views	28.59
X038B	Diagnostic Radiology (Spine and Pelvis) – Pelvis and/or hips(s) – Three or More Views (e.g. Pelvis and Sacro-Iliac Joints, or AP Both Hips Plus Lateral Each Hip)	35.21
X033B	Diagnostic Radiology (Spine and Pelvis) – Entire Spine (Scoliosis Series) – Orthoroentgenogram (3 foot film) – Single View	23.96
X031B	Diagnostic Radiology (Spine and Pelvis) – Entire Spine (Scoliosis Series) – Orthoroentgenogram (3 foot film) – Two or More Views	32.79
X032B	Diagnostic Radiology (Spine and Pelvis) – Entire Spine (Scoliosis Series) – Four Views	59.12
X039B	Diagnostic Radiology (Chest ad Abdomen) – Ribs – Two or More Views	19.81
X080B	Diagnostic Radiology (Skeletal Surveys) – Other – e.g. Rheumatoid, Metabolic or Metastatic – Single View	8.24
X081B	Diagnostic Radiology (Skeletal Surveys) – Other - e.g. Rheumatoid, Metabolic or Metastatic – Each Additional film or view.	8.24