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MAID - Interim Payment Direction for Physicians	
Initial Contact	Fee item
<p>If this is with an established patient, the discussion will likely have been carried out over a period of time and billed through existing fees in the payment schedule for home, office, hospital, or other facility fees. If the patient is accepted through the referral process, the practitioner (if a specialist) would bill the appropriate consultation and visit fees from their section. If the practitioner is a GP on referral from the Primary GP, a GP consultation could be utilized. These fees would require more time to be spent reviewing documents and communicating with a new patient and family which is reflected in the higher fee for a consultation. This interaction would be expected to be provided by the physician providing the terminal treatment, likely in a time frame close to the time chosen by the patient for MAID.</p>	Existing GP and specialist fee items
Event Preparation and Conclusion by Attending Physician	
<p>Attending physician must be one of the two physicians who completed MAID physician assessment. Some of the services involved would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Verification of MAID patient request and all applicable documentation in place. -Writing the prescription and the pickup of medication for patient. -Discussion with family members present for death. -Preparation of medication to be administered. -IV start and injection or presence when oral medication is being consumed. -Waiting for medications to act and possible managing of side effects. -all ancillary services required 	<p>Miscellaneous fee in equity with the Provincial Sessional rates:</p> <p>GP - \$440.05 (3 1/2 hrs) \$125.73 (1 hr) \$62.87 (1/2 hr)</p> <p>SPEC - \$519.08 (3 1/2 hrs) \$148.31 (1 hr) \$74.16 (1/2 hr)</p> <p>Start and end times are required on claims.</p> <p>Out of office surcharges are not applicable.</p>
Completion of MAID Physician Assessment	
<p>Independent assessments must be completed by two physicians, one by attending physician and one by consulting physician.</p> <p>Both attending and consulting physician must obtain MAID patient request from the patient.</p> <p>Either the attending physician or the consulting physician, but not both, may provide their opinion by videoconferencing provided that there is a physician in physical attendance with the patient.</p>	<p>Miscellaneous fee in equity with fee item 00065 - \$100.25 for initial assessment.</p> <p>Subsequent assessments if necessary would be a miscellaneous fee in equity with fee item 00066 - \$45.06</p> <p>Fee for physician in physical attendance at telehealth service can bill miscellaneous fee in equity with fee item 13020 - \$30.46.</p>



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Amendment to the Medical Services Commission Payment Schedule Section of General Practice

In accordance with Section 26(3) of the *Medicare Protection Act*, the following modifications to the Payment Schedule have been approved by the Medical Services Commission, effective June 1, 2017:

New Fee Items:

The following new fee items have been approved and will be placed under the heading "Miscellaneous Visits":

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Notes:

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13504 MAiD Event Preparation and Procedure..... 200.00

Notes:

- i) Payable only to Assessor Prescriber.
- ii) Includes all necessary elements: pharmacy visits, establishment of IV, injection of meds, pronouncement of death.
- iii) A same day visit fee is payable in full in addition under fee item 00103 (home) or out of office visit (all other locations).



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P13505 MAiD Medication Pick-up and Return 125.00

Notes:

- i) *Paid only in addition to 13504.*
- ii) *Payable only when MAiD procedure takes place in a location where there is no on-site pharmacy.*
- iii) *Not payable when time for medication pick-up and return has been compensated under a different payment modality.*

Amendment:

Effective June 1, 2017 the notes are amended (strikethrough deleted, bold added), note iii is renumbered to note v and the dollar amount is amended for the following fee item. Also, provisional status is added and this fee item will expire on April 30, 2020, or when replaced by a subsequent Minute, whichever occurs first:

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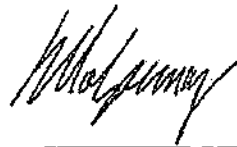
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Period between June 1, 2016 to April 30, 2023

Completion Date 2023-05-15

Client Carmen Espinal

Program Area Health Sector Information, Analysis & Reporting Division

Note: Medical Assistance in Dying fees are part of the Medical Services Commission Payment Schedule. The current schedule is available at the location below. MAiD fees and the associated billing guidance may be located by searching the schedule for the keyword MAID

[MSC Payment Schedule Landing Page](#)

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Fee Item	Expenditure
13501 - MAID ASSESSMENT FEE - ASSESSOR PRESCRIBER	\$3,947,387
13502 - MAID ASSESSMENT FEE - ASSESSOR	\$1,686,477
13503 - WITNESS TO VIDEO CONF MAID ASMT-PATIENT EN	\$4,195
13504 - MAID EVENT PREPARATION AND PROCEDURE	\$2,295,482
13505 - MAID MEDICATION PICK-UP AND RETURN	\$732,194
Total	\$8,665,735

Notes:

1. Expenditure includes paid Amount, Rural Retention Program premium (RRP), and Business Cost Premium (BCP).