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Update on K083 limits

Dear colleague,

As many of you are aware, when the MOHLTC rolled out the K083 virtual care code, they programmed the system to reject billings that exceeded 80 units of K083. This was not communicated in advance, the Section learned of this as members' submissions were rejected.

We immediately reached out to the OMA and MOHLTC to correct this issue, as clearly this arbitrary limit particularly disadvantaged specialty care requiring significant amounts of time, such as consultations with extended K630 unit submissions, and lengthy consultative interviews with caregivers and geriatric or child/adolescent patients.

While it has taken some time, we have now heard from the MOHLTC that they are reprogramming their system to allow for up to 99 K083 units to be billed. Unfortunately this two digit limit of 99 units seems to be 'hard-wired' into the (outdated) OHIP billing system, so this is not a policy decision of the MOHLTC to set that limit, but rather a limitation of their system.

Once the new limit of 99 units of K083 is implemented, which should be by the middle of June, submissions for A191 plus A192, or A197 plus A198, or consultations with some K630 units, should no longer be rejected, so long as the K083 units do not exceed 99. The MOHLTC has not yet indicated what the process will be to claim valid services that exceed 99 K083 units, but they are aware that some valid psychiatric claims could exceed the 99 unit limit.

At this point, we are advising Section members to hold on to any current claims that exceed 80 units, including claims already rejected, and resubmit them the usual way once the MOHLTC communicates officially that it has changed the software programming to allow up to 99 units of K083 (which we have been told should be within the next week or two). At that time we will also hopefully get more guidance from the MOHLTC regarding how psychiatrists should claim for services that exceed 99 units of K083.

As always feel free to contact me at psych@rogers.com for any questions, comments or concerns.

Best regards, and stay healthy and well,

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