

**REVISED FEES FOR UNINSURED SERVICES
EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024***

**The April 1, 2024, Doctors of BC uninsured services rates reflect an increase of 4 % on each fee item with the following exceptions: A00009, 96201, 96301, 96302, 96400, 96501, 96502, 96503, 96504, 96505, (which are negotiated separately) The fees in this document are subject to the rounding rules of the Doctors of BC.*

These fees cannot be correctly interpreted without reference to Preamble Clause C. 2.

GENERAL SERVICES

INDUSTRIAL AND INSURANCE

A00001	General insurance examination, industrial examinations (to include MOT, marine personnel, pilots and air traffic controllers), pre-placement and periodic examinations, and CPP examinations.	\$ 255.00
A00002	Limited examinations for special policies	\$ 180.00
A00003	Industrial pre-placement and periodic examination not requiring complete examination	\$ 106.00
A00055	Examinations (other than the eyes) to obtain a driver's license - full exam	\$ 248.00
A00056	- partial exam	\$ 111.00
96220	OSMV Driver's Medical Examination and Report (DMER) – stand-alone	\$ 248.00
96221	OSMV Diabetic Driver Examination and Report (DDR) – standalone	\$ 248.00
96222	OSMV DMER and DDR completed at same visit (extra to 96220)	\$ 62.00
A00004	Group examination of apparently healthy persons, including school examinations - per hour	\$ 431.00
A00005	Part-time professional employment where fee-for-service is not applicable - half day session (3 1/2 hours), 5 or less sessions per week - per session	\$ 1150.00
A00006	- 6th or additional half day session the same week - per session	\$ 959.00

NOTE: Medical Services Plan reimbursement agreement for sessional fees may be found elsewhere in the Guide.

A00007	Consultative or Advisory Committee work - per half day (3.5 hours)	\$ 1402.00
A00008	- per day	\$ 2799.00

MISCELLANEOUS

A94523	Completion of Drug Benefit Form for third party insurer	\$ 91.40
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A00093	Transfer of patient records - basic fee	\$ 43.25
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NOTES:

- i). This fee is recommended for a simple transfer of records from a physician to another physician. Photocopying may be charged in addition.
- ii). Other direct costs, such as courier services, may be charged in addition based on the actual cost.
- iii). A fee for review of records may be charged in addition if the physician reviews the records for the purpose of selecting current and necessary medical information to be transferred.
- iv). Original records must be retained by the transferring physician as required by Law
- v). When multiple records are being transferred, the total time spent should be taken into account.

PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE

A00052	Biofeedback rendered by a physician for other than neurological and/or muscular retraining - per half hour	\$ 180.00
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A00053	Hypnosis for services not insured by the Medical Services Plan; e.g.: smoking withdrawal, weight loss or other lifestyle services - per half-hour	\$ 180.00
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A00054	Preventative medicine counselling all forms, e.g.: health maintenance assessment and counselling to include physical examination, smoking withdrawal and other harmful habits, weight and/or diet control, exercise programs (planning and management), stress management techniques, social support systems, establishing normal sleep patterns and other forms of lifestyle counselling - per half hour	\$ 180.00
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CERTIFICATES AND FORMS

A94529	Completion of the Occupational Fitness Assessment (OFA) form (extra to examination).	\$ 213.00
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A94533	Completion of Public Trustee's form for opinion of incapacity (extra to examination)	\$ 434.00
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A00060	Written certificate, including time loss benefit form (extra to examination), medical certification of death, etc.	\$ 52.90
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A00061	Medical advice by letter	\$ 180.00
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A00063	Initial screening examination for chronic or rehabilitation care	\$ 184.00
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A00068	Physical fitness examination for school, summer camp, etc., including	\$ 89.40
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	certificate	
A00069	Insurance company form to include review of records - short report	\$ 180.00
A00059	- extensive report	\$ 236.00
A00097	Examination and completion of Canadian Blood Services form for report on Plasmapheresis Donors.	\$ 129.00

MEDICAL - LEGAL FEES

A00070	For filling out an ordinary printed form reporting on a patient's condition or submitting like information in letter form. This item should not be used for time loss benefit or insurance forms normally covered under A00059, A00060 and A00069.	\$ 205.00
A00071	A Medico-Legal letter or form is defined as a short factual written communication given to any lay person (e.g.: lawyer, insurance representative) in relation to a patient for some purpose primarily unconnected with treatment.	\$ 434.00
A00072	A simple Medical-Legal Report is one, which will recite symptoms, history and records and gives diagnosis, treatment, results and present condition. This is a factual summary of all the information available on the case.	\$ 1294.00
A00073	A Medical-Legal opinion report will usually include the information contained in the medical-legal factual report and will differ from it primarily in the field of opinion. This may be opinion as to the course of events when these cannot be known for sure. It can include opinion as to long term consequences and possible complications in the further development of the condition. All the known facts will probably be mentioned, but in addition there will be extensive exercise of expert knowledge and judgement with respect to those facts with a detailed prognosis. Required to meet specific criteria to qualify for court admission as an expert report.	\$ 2165.00
A00074	Testimony per day	\$ 3457.00
A00075	Testimony per half-day or less	\$ 2165.00
A00091	Preparation to give testimony, per hour NOTE: This fee does not include charges for extra record keeping necessary to provide expert testimony. These charges are in addition.	\$ 515.00
A00092	Failure of notification of hearing, scheduled consultation meeting, discovery, depositions, or trial adjournment or out - of - court settlement. NOTE: Fee item A00092 applies where the patient or legal counsel fails to give 5 working days' notice of cancellation of court or other legal appearance or meeting.	\$ 2596.00
A00095	Review of paper or EMR records by physician (for medical/legal purposes or transfer of	

patient records). - per 15 minutes or portion thereof \$ 122.00

NOTES:

- i) The fee for this service can be adjusted at the physician's discretion based on the time and extent of physician involvement and secretarial and other direct or indirect costs such as cost of supplies to produce an electronic copy .
- ii) This fee is for review of the paper or EMR file only.
- iii) Photocopying paper records may be charged in addition.
- iv) At the physician's discretion, an additional \$1.45 per page for paper copies is billable for large and/or complex charts.

A00096 Photocopying per page (paper copies) (first 10 pages) \$ 2.20
- subsequent pages – 30¢ per page

NOTES:

- i) A00096 is extra to A00093 and/or A00095
- ii) The fee for this service does not include review and/or summary of the patient's chart

CROWN COUNSEL SCALE "B" MEDICAL EXPERT WITNESS FEES CRIMINAL AND OTHER GOVERNMENT MATTERS

The following fees and billing guidelines are recommended when a physician provides expert evidence in a criminal or Government of British Columbia ministry, board or agency matter.

A94525 Preparation and Court Time (Per Hour):
General Practitioner \$ 293.00

A94526 Specialist \$ 342.00

A94527 Travel Time (Per Hour):
General Practitioner \$ 167.00

A94528 Specialist \$ 194.00

NOTES:

- i) "General Practitioner", means a Physician who is not a specialist.
- ii) "Specialist" means a Physician who is a certificant or fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

BILLING GUIDELINES

1. Travel to Site

- a) Time starts when the physician leaves home, office or hospital to go to the hearing location or Crown counsel office.
- b) Time ends when the physician arrives at the hearing location or Crown Counsel office or otherwise begins direct work on the case.
- c) If work on the case does not start until the day after travel, then travel time ends upon arrival at the hotel or at 1800 hours, whichever is later.

2. Return Travel

- a) Return time starts at the end of the proceedings or when no other services (e.g.: discussions) are required from the physician.
- b) Time ends when the physician arrives at home, office, hospital, etc.
- c) If the physician is unable to return home the same day, then travel time ends at 1800 hours on the day that work on the case is finished and restarts the next morning at 0900 hours or upon leaving the hotel, whichever is earlier.
- d) If the hearing schedule and travel arrangements are such that a physician is required to stay away from home over a weekend, then travel time up to 8 hours per day is billed for the weekend days, to the extent that the physician's time is not occupied with the case work over the weekend.

3. **Hearing Time**

- a) Hearing time includes all relevant professional activities, including preparation, interviews, discussions, testimony, listening to other testimony and associated waiting time.
- b) Hearing time starts when the physician arrives at the hearing location or Crown Counsel office or at 0900 hours if he/she had already traveled away from home on a prior day.
- c) Hearing time ends when the hearing ends or no other services are required, but continues to 1800 hours if further services are required next day and the physician has traveled out of town.
- d) Time for preparation work prior to arrival or during evenings or weekends is billed in addition to the above and for the actual time spent.
- e) If lunch is primarily social, then a one-hour lunch break is not billable, but time for a working lunch is billable.
- f) In the event that out of town travel is necessary, in respect of single day trips only, and where the combination of hearing/preparation and travel are less than 8 billing hours, the balance up to 8 hours shall be billed as hearing/preparation time.
- g) Where physicians are testifying in their home community, hearing time shall be compensated at a minimum of 4 hours for the morning session and 4 hours for the afternoon session. Any Court time spent in excess of 4 hours in either the morning or afternoon session shall be paid at the appropriate fee.

4. **Cancellations**

For the purposes of this section:

"Fees otherwise payable" includes travel time and hearing time and is in addition to preparation time already incurred.

"Working days" does not include Saturday, Sunday or Statutory holidays

- a) A cancellation is defined as a situation where the physician is informed that a previously arranged hearing appearance is no longer required or is to be rescheduled for any reason including testimony not needed, the hearing scheduling changes and

adjournments.

- b) Where the physician is given more than 10 working days' notice of cancellation of a hearing appearance, no compensation is payable.

Where the cancellation notice is received 10 full working days or less prior to scheduled commencement of travel (as defined in 1.a), the physician will be paid 100% of fees otherwise payable if the physician had attended the hearing, for each day or half day scheduled.

Fees otherwise payable includes travel time and court time and is in addition to preparation time already incurred. **Working days** does not include Saturday, Sunday or Statutory holidays.

5. Expenses

Expenses related to expert witness billing shall be in accordance with the rates established for "Group 2" (public service) employees. Such expenses may be claimed where the physician is required to attend a hearing location more than 32 km from his/her residence or where unusual road conditions exist which, for example, requires travel by ferry.

MILEAGE

A00009	Automobile Expenses - per km (for travel to give evidence in court other than Crown Counsel cases)	\$ 0.57
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CORRECTIONAL CENTRE

A00085	Correctional centre visit to examine one patient including certification - day time	\$ 254.00
A00086	Subsequent correctional centre visit to examine patient again including certification	\$ 254.00
A00087	Other patients examined at same correctional centre visit including certification – each	\$ 180.00
A00088	Correctional centre visit to examine one patient including certification - night (1700 hrs. to 0830 hrs.), Saturday, Sunday or Statutory holiday	\$ 330.00
A00089	Examination of patients in doctor's office including certification - each	\$ 180.00

BLOOD AND ALCOHOL SAMPLING

A00036	Taking Sample	\$ 115.00
A00037	Additional charge for standby time, per half hour	\$ 197.00

NOTE: Service charges and surcharges extra.