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BROADCAST TITLE: NP Referral Restrictions -Update
BROADCAST MESSAGE (UP TO 5 PAGES, 12 LINES PER PAGE, 76 CHARACTERS PER LINE):

The Health Professions Act and Nurses (Registered) and Nurse Practitioners Regulation permit nurse practitioners to refer their clients to medical practitioners for consultation and to request certain laboratory, diagnostic and imaging services.

Nurse practitioners consult and refer clients to other health care professionals and order diagnostic services such as laboratory services, imaging and miscellaneous services including cardiac stress tests, echocardiograms, holter monitoring amniocentesis, etc. within the scope of practice for nurse practitioners and their individual competence.

The Medical Services Plan (MSP) has restrictions on the items nurse practitioners may refer for. Allowable nurse practitioner referral items are contained in the document “Nurse Practitioners may refer patients for these Medical Services Plan (MSP) insured services”

Commencing January 5, 2019 restrictions on the items referred by nurse practitioners will be removed from the MSP/HIBC claims processing system. Nurse practitioners will be trusted to order diagnostic tests within their scope of practice and level of competence. The document titled “Nurse Practitioners may refer patients for these Medical Services Plan (MSP) insured services” will be removed from these MSP website locations:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/msp/physicians/payment-schedules>

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/msp/nurse-practitioners>

Reminder:

Practitioners are still required to indicate the referring practitioner number on claims for services (fee items) which require a referral.

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PY-PAYEES -----PAYEE NO.
PR- PRACTITIONER -----PRACTITIONER NO.
SP-SPECIALTY -----SPECIALTY CODE

AI-ASSOCIATION IDENTIFIER-----MD – BC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
A -ALL -----LEAVE TARGET KEY BLANK
PS-PAYEE STATUS -----**C** - VESTED INTEREST LAB
F PRIMARY CARE
H - HOSPITAL
I - INACTIVE PAYEE
L - LABORATORY
M - ACTIVE PAYEE
V - 3RD PARTY- OUT OF PROVINCE
Y – ALTERNATIVE PAYMENTS PROGRAM