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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 NPs to refer their clients to medical practitioners and other health care professionals for consultation and to request laboratory, diagnostic, imaging and other miscellaneous services within their scope of practice as outlined by the BC College of Nursing Professionals.

Currently, items allowed by MSP are listed in the document titled “Nurse Practitioners may refer patients for these Medical Services Plan (MSP) insured services” linked below.

[Nurse Practitioners may refer patients for these Medical Services Plan \(MSP\) insured services \(PDF, 127KB\)](#)

Commencing January 5, 2019 restrictions on the items referred by nurse practitioners will be removed from the MSP/HIBC claims processing system. NPs will be expected 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>

No change to the referral requirements listed below:

The NP is required to include their MSP billing number on the referral/requisition for services.

When a nurse practitioner refers a patient to another practitioner the encounter record submission must indicate the MSP practitioner number to whom the referral has been made.

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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