

C.2. SETTING OF DOCTORS OF BC FEES - GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Fees have been set by the Doctors of BC Tariff Committee in conjunction with Section representatives and in accordance with general policy established by the Board of Directors. Under the arrangement with the MSC, MSP fees have been approved by the MSC.

The recommended values for services when not paid for by the MSP, WorkSafe BC or ICBC are listed under "Non-MSP- Insured Fee". The charges for these uninsured services, including A-lettered items, are not to be construed as maximum or minimum charges but only as a general guide for services of average complexity, by which the individual physician dealing with the patient can set a proper and responsible value on the individual services provided:

- a. You are in no way obligated, ethically or otherwise, to follow these Doctors of BC Fees and you may charge either a higher or lower fee according to your own judgement.
- b. No special sanction of any kind is employed nor will be employed by the Association to enforce these Doctors of BC Fees, and you are free to exercise your discretion and judgement with respect to any charge made for any service rendered that is not payable by the MSP, WorkSafe BC or ICBC or otherwise specified in the Preamble.
- c. If the patient's financial circumstances are unusual, and other doctors have been called in attendance, it is the responsibility of the attending physician to acquaint his/her colleagues of such circumstances. Each doctor concerned in the care of the patient shall give or send to the patient or his/her agent a statement showing his/her own professional services.
- d. The fees listed under "MSP and WorkSafe BC Fee" have been accepted by the Medical Services Plan and WorkSafe BC through negotiated agreements as the basis for their Guide to Fees. WorkSafe BC supplies its own reporting and billing forms upon which one is asked to insert the MSP payment number to facilitate payments. MSP is currently processing claims on behalf of WorkSafe BC as an agent. Currently it is not mandatory for physicians to submit WorkSafe BC claims through MSP.