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Re: Nurse Practitioner Referrals to Physicians

This bulletin describes changes to the Schedule of Benefits for Physician Services (Schedule) regarding referrals to physicians from Nurse Practitioners (NPs).

Effective May 1, 2015 the definition of a consultation will be amended to include a referral from a physician or a NP. In order to ensure continuity of care, the consulting physician is required to provide a report back to the referring NP and the primary care physician, if applicable.

Physicians billing a consultation service must include the NPs six digit OHIP identification number for the claim to be processed.

As with all changes introduced into the Schedule, the utilization of NP referrals will be monitored.

The full details of the changes to the Schedule can be found at:
http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/ohip/sob/sob_mn.html

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