Auditing Physician Billings

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Auditing Physician Billings

Purpose:
The CMA is committed to maintaining the integrity of the health care system. Auditing physician billings helps ensure that billing practices are in alignment with procedural, economic and ethical standards. Auditing is an effective method of ensuring that physicians are not over-billing patients or accepting kickbacks.

Method:
Physicians should be audited on a regular basis by their employer or a third-party auditor. Audits should be conducted on a random basis and should cover a range of issues, including but not limited to:

- Adherence to CMA billing practices
- Compliance with provincial billing regulations
- Accuracy of claim information
- Identification of any potential areas for improvement

Conclusion:
Physicians should be encouraged to participate in audits to ensure transparency and accountability. Audits should be conducted in a fair and unbiased manner to avoid any potential conflicts of interest.

Appendix:

- CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
- Physician fee tables
- Physician billing guidelines
- Provincial billing regulations

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Avoiding negative consequences to health care delivery from federal taxation policy
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11957

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Documents
Canadian Medical Association Submission on Bill C-462 Disability Tax Credit Promoters Restrictions Act
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy10812

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Documents
Canadian Medical Association Submission on Motion 315 (Income Inequality)
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy10715

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Documents
CMA Pre-budget Submission
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14259

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Physician practice, compensation, forms
Health information and e-health
Health care and patient safety
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Documents
CMA’s Response to CRA’s Questions, Public consultation on the Disability Tax Credit Promoters Restrictions Act regulations
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14027

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Parliamentary submission

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2015-05-15

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Health systems, system funding and performance
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Documents
CMA’s Submission to Finance Canada regarding proposed amendments to the Income Tax Act
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy10353

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Physician practice, compensation, forms

Documents
CMA’s Submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance: Amending Bill C–25 to expand the PRPP framework to provide value to self-employed Canadians

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy10355

POLICY TYPE
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Physician practice, compensation, forms

Documents
COVID-19 Vaccine Global Intellectual Property Policy

Policy document

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Documents
Disclosure of COVID-19 Vaccination Status by Physicians

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Documents
Federal measures to recognize the significant contributions of Canada’s front-line health care workers during the COVID-19 pandemic
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14247

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TOPICS
Physician practice, compensation, forms
Federal tax proposal risks negative consequences for health care delivery
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11960

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TOPICS  Physician practice, compensation, forms

Documents
Guiding principles for physicians recommending mobile health applications to patients

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11521

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TOPICS
Health information and e-health
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Documents

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR PHYSICIANS RECOMMENDING MOBILE HEALTH APPLICATIONS TO PATIENTS

The document is designed to guide healthcare professionals on how to recommend mobile health applications to patients.

BACKGROUND

1. The increasing use of mobile health applications (MHAs) by healthcare providers and patients has raised concerns about their potential impact on patient care and privacy.
2. MHAs can provide valuable health information, track health data, and facilitate communication between healthcare providers and patients.
3. However, there is a need for guidelines to ensure that MHAs are used safely and effectively.

GUIDELINES

1. MHAs should be recommended only when they are expected to improve patient care or outcomes.
2. Healthcare providers should inform patients about the risks and benefits of using MHAs.
3. MHAs should comply with applicable privacy and data protection regulations.
4. Healthcare providers should monitor patients' use of MHAs and address any concerns.

REFERENCES

Maintaining Ontario’s leadership on prohibiting the use of sick notes for short medical leaves

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13934

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Documents
A medical industry perspective – supporting small business, the economic engine of Canada

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13731

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TOPICS
Physician practice, compensation, forms

Documents
A new vision for Canada: family practice— the patient’s medical home 2019
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14024

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Documents
The physician appointment and reappointment process 2016
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13564

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Documents
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PHYSICIAN COMPENSATION
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Policy Statement

Physician compensation is a key determinant of physician supply. The Public Health Agency of Canada has identified the physician shortage as a pressing public health issue and has commissioned several studies to understand factors contributing to the shortage.

Rationale

The CMA believes that physician compensation is an important factor in ensuring a sufficient supply of physicians in Canada. The CMA has been advocating for policies that support the retention and recruitment of physicians, including appropriate compensation packages.

Recommendations

1. The CMA recommends that the federal government increase funding to support research on physician compensation and workforce issues.
2. The CMA recommends that provincial and territorial governments provide incentives for physicians to work in underserved areas.
3. The CMA recommends that governments adopt policies that ensure comparability of compensation across different regions.

Implementation

The CMA and provinces are working together to implement these recommendations. The CMA is also engaging with stakeholders to raise awareness of the importance of physician compensation.

Conclusion

Physician compensation is a critical factor in attracting and retaining physicians in Canada. The CMA will continue to advocate for policies that support the supply of physicians in the country.

Supporting Documents

- Protecting and supporting Canada’s health-care providers during COVID-19
- CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association

Protecting and supporting Canada's health-care providers during COVID-19
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14260

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