

FEE CODE 522: COPD MANAGEMENT

\$50.00

This code is an add-on to an office or hospital outpatient partial assessment or to a chronic disease management visit. This code is also payable as an add-on to the following visits which occur in a home or DHCS long term care facility: 210, 246a, 252, 285, 286a, 292. It is payable to the family physician who is most responsible for the majority of the patient's longitudinal care. Documentation of this service is based on the COPD Patient Care Visit Template for documenting guideline-informed care. Please see <https://familypracticerenewalnl.ca/fee-code-program/#resources> further information.

1. Minimum requirements for the type of visit billed above in association with fee code 522 as set out in the General Preamble must be met. For example, if you are billing chronic disease management with fee code 522, please refer to preamble section 7.6 for billing requirements.
2. The diagnostic code submitted on the claim for the applicable visit as well as for fee code 522 must be one of the "Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease" ICD-9 diagnostic codes 491, 492, 494, or 496.
3. Fee code 522 can only be billed to a maximum of two billings per patient for a maximum of eighty patients per physician per billing year.
4. Minimum medical record requirements—COPD Patient Care Visit Template:

For all billings:

- Completed date, name, and MCP number.
- Completion of the "Spirometry" section, indicating:
 - a) the COPD diagnosis has been confirmed by a post-bronchodilator FEV₁/FVC ratio of < 0.7; **OR**
 - b) a **medical** reason why the patient is unable to perform spirometry. For example, acceptable medical reasons why a patient may not be able to perform spirometry include anxiety or active tuberculosis, etc.; **OR**
 - c) spirometry has been ordered. Please note that if this option is chosen, it is only valid for the first two billings of fee code 522. For the third billing, one of a) or b) above must be satisfied for billing to proceed.
- Completion of the "Exacerbations" section.

*Med Access EMR Users: click [here](#) for an **instructional document** and [here](#) for an **instructional video** on accessing and using the patient care visit template.*

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