



PROGRAM OF CHOICE (POC) 12 – RELATED HEALTH SERVICES PHYSIOTHERAPY - BRITISH COLUMBIA

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The Physiotherapy Association of British Columbia (PABC) and Federal Programs recently finalized the three-year renewal of their present Agreement. The renewed Agreement between the PABC and Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and the Canadian Forces (CF) is effective beginning May 1, 2011 through to April 30, 2014.

It has been agreed that PABC Members will provide physiotherapy services to clients/members of the Federal Programs. As in the past, the Agreement is based on the concept that clinics charge their usual clinic rate, recognizing that there is a maximum that cannot be exceeded. The Agreement is for a flat rate: physiotherapists cannot bill above the agreed fee and cannot charge the client/member any user fees.

The Fees are as follows:

From May 1, 2011 to October 31, 2012, physiotherapists will charge their usual or customary rate (standard private clinic rate) **up to a maximum of \$65 for the initial assessment and \$60 for each subsequent visit.**

Physiotherapists will charge their usual or customary rate **up to a maximum of \$70 for the initial acupuncture/intramuscular stimulation (IMS) treatment and \$65 for each subsequent visit.**

From November 1, 2012 to April 30, 2014, physiotherapists will charge their usual or customary rate (standard private clinic rate) **up to a maximum of \$70 for the initial assessment and \$65 for each subsequent visit.**

Physiotherapists will charge their usual or customary rate **up to a maximum of \$75 for the initial acupuncture/intramuscular stimulation (IMS) treatment and \$70 for each subsequent visit.**

- Where the usual or customary clinic rate is **below** the Program's maximum allowable fee, the clinic will charge the usual clinic rate, i.e. in 2011 the clinic rate for the initial assessment is \$55. The charge to the Federal Programs is \$55.
- Where the usual or customary clinic rate is **above** the Program's maximum allowable fee, the clinic will charge the Program's maximum fee, i.e. in 2011 the clinic rate for the initial assessment is \$70. The charge to the Federal Program is \$65.
- Where the client / member is also an MSP Premium Assistance recipient, the clinic (with a usual or customary rate of \$55) will bill MSP \$23 and charge the Federal Programs \$32.

If you have any questions, please contact the PABC at 604-736-5130 or 1-888-330-3999 or contact the Federal Programs Department at Pacific Blue Cross at 604-419-2795 or 1-888-261-4033.