

October 29, 2009

Mr. Mike Gormley  
Executive Director  
Alberta Medical Association  
12230 -106 Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta  
T5N 3Z1

Dr. Stephen Duckett  
President and Chief Executive  
Officer  
Alberta Health Services  
Suite 700, Manulife Place  
10180 101 Street  
Edmonton, Alberta  
T5J 3S4

Ms. Linda Miller  
Deputy Minister  
Alberta Health and Wellness  
22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Telus Plaza North  
10025 Jasper Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta  
T5J 1S6

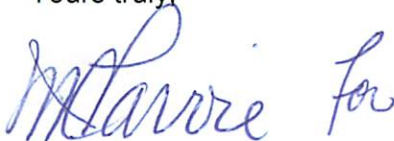
Dear Mr. Gormley, Dr. Duckett and Ms. Miller:

I am writing to provide details regarding physician telephone consultation as part of Alberta Health and Wellness' Pandemic H1N1 Influenza response.

A new health service code (HSC), 03.01AD, will be added to the Schedule of Medical Benefits to allow physicians to bill fee for service for providing pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza-related advice to patients via telephone. This HSC is only applicable when a declaration of a public health emergency has been declared, or if I determine that it is appropriate to implement this HSC. I have now determined that it is appropriate to activate HSC 03.01AD effective October 30, 2009. This HSC will be in effect until I notify you that it is no longer active. A description of the new HSC is attached.

I thank the Alberta Medical Association and Alberta Health Services for their continuing contributions to public health in Alberta.

Yours truly,



André Corriveau, MD, MBA, FRCPC  
Chief Medical Officer of Health

Attachment

cc: Trilateral Relationship & Budget Secretariat