

## **Information Sheet for Telestroke - Emergency Physicians <sup>1</sup>**

### **Fee-For-Service Physicians:**

If the Emergency Department physician is paid Fee-For-Service, the billing scenario is as follows:

- a) A regular OHIP FFS claim is submitted for the face-to-face assessment of the patient and is eligible for applicable OHIP premiums.
- b) A separate telemedicine billing (with the "OTN" Service Location Indicator code) is submitted to claim the telemedicine premium for participating in the Telestroke consultation. In this case the telemedicine billing must be flagged for Manual Review with written explanation because it will be rejected as TM4 (Non-telemedicine Claim Already Paid for This Patient).
- c) The telemedicine billing would generally be only for the premium per the teleconsultation because the referral would be concomitant with the OHIP FFS claim payment.

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### **Emergency Department Alternative Funding Arrangement (EDAFA) Physician:**

If the Emergency Department physician is paid via an alternative funding arrangement, the billing scenario is as follows:

- a) A service encounter OHIP shadow billing is submitted for the face-to-face assessment of the patient and is eligible for applicable shadow billing and other applicable OHIP premiums.
- b) A separate telemedicine billing (with the "OTN" Service Location Indicator code) is submitted to claim the telemedicine premium for participating in the Telestroke consultation and does not need to be flagged for Manual Review.
- c) The telemedicine billing would generally be only for the premium per the teleconsultation because the referral would be concomitant with the funding provided via the EDAFA contract.

Emergency physicians who are funded through EDAFA should also refer to the OTN Information Sheet for Alternate Payment Program/Alternate Funding Program.

***Please note that physicians can no longer bill the special Telestroke service code created by legacy NORTH Network.***

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### **Questions?**

If you have questions about the OHIP billing process, please contact your [local OHIP claims office](#).

If you have questions about OTN, please visit [www.otn.ca](http://www.otn.ca), email [hcpinfo@otn.ca](mailto:hcpinfo@otn.ca) or call 1-866-454-6862.

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that OTN does not endorse these billing processes as appropriate when “non-telemedicine” services are claimed to OHIP.

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