

GP SERVICES COMMITTEE

GPSC Portal

2018



GPSC Portal Codes

GPSC Incentives Available through the GPSC Portal

With the ending of the "A GP for Me" initiative, effective October 1, 2017, G14070 has been renamed "GPSC Portal Code" to provide access to the following incentive fee codes:

- G14075 GP Frailty Complex Care Planning and Management Fee
- G14076 GP-Patient Telephone Management Fee
- G14077 GP-Allied Care Provider Conference Fee
- G14078 GP Email/Text/Telephone Medical Advice Relay Fee **new*
- G14029 GP Allied Care Provider Practice Code (\$0.00 fee) **new*

As well, effective October 1, 2017, G14071 has been renamed "GPSC Locum Portal Code" to allow locums to access G14075/76/77/78 and G14029 when working in host FP practices where G14070 has been submitted in the same calendar year.

Submission of this code signifies:

- You are providing full-service family practice services to your patients, and will continue to do so for the duration of that calendar year.
- You are confirming your doctor-patient relationship with your existing patients through a standardized conversation or 'compact'.

The standardized wording of the Family Physician-Patient 'Compact' was developed in consultation with the physicians of the three Attachment prototype communities and in consultation with members of the Patient Voices Network. The GPSC continues to believe this compact appropriately describes the relationship between a full service family physician and his/her patients. The compact states:

As your family doctor I, along with my practice team, agree to:

- Provide you with the best care that I can
- Coordinate any specialty care you may need
- Offer you timely access to care, to the best of my ability
- Maintain an ongoing record of your health
- Keep you updated on any changes to services offered at my clinic
- Communicate with you honestly and openly so we can best address your health care needs

As my patient I ask that you:

- Seek your health care from me and my team whenever possible and, in my absence, through my colleague(s), xxxxxx
- Name me as your family doctor if you have to visit an emergency facility or another provider
- Communicate with me honestly and openly so we can best address your health care needs

G14070 GPSC Portal Code

\$0.00

The GPSC Portal Code should be submitted at the beginning of each calendar year by Full Service Family Physicians (FSFP) to access G14075, G14076, G14077, G14078 and G14029 during that calendar year.

For 2017, submission of fee item G14070 GPSC Portal Code will continue to use the original "Patient" demographic information:

PHN#: 975 303 5697

Patient Surname: Participation

First name: Attachment

Date of Birth: January 1, 2013

ICD9 code: 780

Submission of this code signifies that:

- You are providing full-service family practice services to your patients, and will continue to do so for the duration of that calendar year.
- You are confirming your doctor-patient relationship with your existing patients through a standardized conversation or 'compact'.

Notes:

- Submit once per calendar year.*
- Not payable to any physician who has billed and been paid for any specialist consultation in the previous 12 months.*
- Not payable to physicians who are employed by or who are under contract to a facility and whose duties would otherwise include provision of this care.*
- Not payable to physicians working under salary, service contract or sessional arrangements whose duties would otherwise include provision of this care.*

Frequently Asked Questions about G14070 – GPSC Portal Code:

1.1 How do I submit the GPSC Portal code (G14070)?

For the duration of 2017, you will continue to submit code G14070 use diagnostic code **780** and the following program "Patient" demographic information:

PHN#: 975 303 5697

Patient Surname: Participation

First name: Attachment

Date of Birth: January 1, 2013

Once processed by MSP, this will then allow access G14075/76/77/78 and G14029 for the balance of that calendar year.

1.2 What are the incentive fees is available to family doctors who submit G14070?

The incentive fees that are available to family physician who have submitted G14070 at the beginning of each calendar year include:

- **G14075 GP Frailty Complex Care Planning and Management Fee**
- **G14076 GP Patient Telephone Management Fee**
- **G14077 GP Allied Care Provider Conferencing Fee**
- **G14078 GP Email/Text/Telephone Medical Advice Relay Fee**
- **G14029 GP Allied Care Provider Practice Code**

1.3 What is meant by my needing to 'confirm your doctor-patient relationship with your existing patients'?

The standardized wording of the Family Physician-Patient 'Compact' that was developed in consultation with the physicians of the three Attachment prototype communities and in consultation with members of the Patient Voices Network. The GPSC believes this compact appropriately describes the relationship between a full service family physician and his/her patients. The compact states:

As your family doctor, my practice team and I will:

- *Provide you with the best care that we can*
- *Coordinate any specialty care that you need*
- *Offer you timely access to care within the best of our ability*
- *Maintain an ongoing record of your health*
- *Keep you up-to-date on any changes to the services offered at our office*
- *Communicate with you honestly and openly to address your health care needs.*

As my patient, I ask that you:

- *Seek your health care from me and my team whenever possible*
- *Identify me as your doctor if you have to visit an emergency facility or other health care provider, so they can provide me with information about your treatment for your medical record*
- *Communicate with me honestly and openly so that we can best address your health care needs.*

You do not need to provide this information to each of your patients individually. Displaying this compact in your office as a signal to the doctor-patient relationship description is appropriate.

1.4 Do FPs participating in a Residential Care Network but who do not have a separate community practice qualify to submit G14070 and access the additional codes available through the GPSC portal?

Yes, FPs who do not have a community practice but who are participating in a Residential Care Network are considered to have a community "practice" in the residential care site. As such, they are eligible to submit G14070 in order to access codes G14076 GP Patient Telephone Management, G14077 FP Allied Care Provider Conferencing & G14078 GP Email/Text/Telephone Medical Advice Relay, for the patients for whom they are MRP (or covering for the MRP). It is important to note that G14075 GP Frailty Complex Care is not applicable to patients in residential care.

1.5 What has happened to G14074 Unattached Complex/High-Needs Patient Attachment Fee?

The "A GP for Me" initiative ran April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2016. G14074 the Unattached Complex/High Needs Patient Attachment incentive was introduced to support "A GP for Me" and funded from one time money. It was extended beyond its initial one-time funding envelope to continue for the duration of "A GP for Me" and its transition. With the ending of the A GP for Me Project, G14074 has been cancelled effective October 1, 2017. Although there is no replacement for the G14074, remember that once you have confirmed your relationship as the patient's new family physician to provide ongoing, continuous general practice care, **many of these complex high needs patients become eligible for other GPSC incentives** such as:

- Complex Care and Frailty planning
- Chronic Disease Management (after 12 months provision of guideline informed care)
- Mental Health and Palliative Planning Conferencing

G14071 GPSC Locum Portal Code

\$0.00

The GPSC Locum Portal code may be submitted by the GP who provides locum coverage for Family Physicians who have submitted G14070. G14071 should be submitted at the beginning of the calendar year or prior to the start of the first such locum in each calendar year. Once processed by MSP, the locum may access G14075, G14076, G14077, G14078 and G14029 for services provided while covering for the host FP.

For the balance of 2017, submission of fee item G14071 GPSC Locum Portal Code will continue to use the following "Patient" demographic information:

PHN#: 975 303 5697

Patient Surname: Participation

First name: Attachment

Date of Birth: January 1, 2013

ICD9 Code: 780

Submission of this code signifies:

- You are providing full-service family practice services to the patients of the host physician who has submitted G14070, and will continue to do so for the duration of locum coverage.

Notes:

- Submit once per calendar year at the beginning of the year or prior to the first locum for a family physician who has submitted G14070 in the same calendar year.*
- Not payable to any physician who has billed and been paid for any specialist consultation in the previous 12 months.*
- Not payable to physicians who are employed by or who are under contract to a facility and whose duties would otherwise include provision of this care.*
- Not payable to physicians working under salary, service contract or sessional arrangements whose duties would otherwise include provision of this care.*

Frequently Asked Questions about G14071 GPSC Locum Portal Code:

Which of the GPSC Incentive fees, if any, can a locum bill when working in a practice where the host physician has submitted G14070?

There needs to be a discussion between the host FP and the locum as to the provision of any service that is covered by any GPSC incentive whether accessed through the G14070 portal or not. Many of the GPSC incentives are for services or care that goes beyond the individual visit. For example, both Complex Care incentives include planning visit and pre-payment for time, intensity and complexity in the coming year, not just for the duration of the locum.

Since the host FP is responsible for the follow-up management of the care incented through the initiatives, it must be agreed that it would be appropriate for the service to be provided by the locum. There are also implications in how the provision of these services and the resulting billing of the incentive fees will be treated in the locum agreement for fee splitting/payment. The host FP and locum must come to an agreement on this issue prior to any GPSC incentives being billed on behalf of services provided by locums. (See Appendix 1. For SGP Locum checklist)

The following are the codes that can be billed on behalf of locums:

1. G14071 – GPSC Locum Portal Code

Since locums have no longitudinal practice of their own, they do not need to bill the G14070 GPSC Portal code. However, in order to facilitate the billing for services provided by the locum covering in a host practice where G14070 has been submitted,

the GPSC Locum Portal Code G14071 will need to have been submitted at the beginning of each calendar year or prior to providing the locum coverage. To submit code G14071 use diagnostic code **780** and for the balance of 2017, the following program "Patient" demographic information:

PHN#: 975 303 5697
Patient Surname: Participation
First name: Attachment
Date of Birth: January 1, 2013

2. G14075 – GP Frailty Complex Care Planning and Management Fee

If the host FP is agreeable to the locum seeing a patient eligible for the GP Frailty Complex Care Planning and Management incentive to provide the planning visit as per fee description, then this service is billable with fee code G14075 for the provision of the planning visit by the locum, provided G14071 has been submitted earlier in the same calendar year.

3. G14076 – GP-Patient Telephone Management Fee

Locum physicians are eligible to have the G14076 GP-Patient Telephone Management Fee billed for telephone calls provided to patients when covering an eligible host FP. Each locum will still have the same 1500 telephone call fees per calendar year available, provided G14071 GP Locum Attachment Participation Code has been submitted earlier in the same calendar year.

4. G14077 – GP-Allied Care Provider Conference Fee

Locum physicians are eligible to have the G14077 GP-Allied Care Provider Conference Fee billed for conferencing with allied care providers when covering an eligible host FP, provided G14071 has been submitted earlier in the same calendar year.

5. G14078 – GP Email/Text/Telephone Medical Advice Relay Fee

Locum physicians are eligible to have the G14078 GP Email/Text/Telephone Medical Advice Relay Fee billed for 2-way communication of medical advice from the physician to eligible patients, or the patient's medical representative, via email/text or telephone relay, when covering an eligible host FP, provided G14071 has been submitted earlier in the same calendar year.

6. G14029 – GP Allied Care Provider Practice Code

Locum physicians are eligible to have the G14029 GP GP Allied Care Provider Practice Code billed when in-person medical services (office, home or LTC) have been provided by a college certified allied care provider working within the family physician's practice where the locum family physician is covering for an eligible host FP who has accepted responsibility for the provision of that care, provided G14071 has been submitted earlier in the same calendar year..

GPSC Portal Fees

G14070	GPSC Portal Code	\$0
G14071	GPSC Locum Portal Code	\$0



SGP Locum/Host Check List:

- Length of locum & daily hours?
- On-call obligations and arrangements?
- Hospital work & obtaining privileges?
- Obstetrics?
- Office staffing?
- Specialty backup?
- Review daily office bookings & billings procedure
- Place to stay?
- Income percentage split? Office vs. Out-of-office (e.g. Obstetrics, hospital care)
- What if the host doc is not FFS? Can you receive host doc's APP bonuses?
- Guaranteed minimum income?
- Billing for uninsured services?
- Which GPSC incentives can be billed for services provided by locum? Some GPSC incentives cover more than a single service (e.g. CDMs and Complex Care – covers 1 year period) and if included in locum services, need to mutually agree on any adjustment to calculations for income percentage split to reflect this.
 - GPSC Portal Practice
 - Yes
 - No
 - Complex Care Planning and Management
 - Mental Health Planning
 - Palliative Planning
 - Prevention
 - Conferencing
 - Patient Telephone Calls
 - Patient Telephone/Email/Text Medical Advice Relays
 - Chronic Disease Management annual bonuses

(See SGP website www.sgp.bc.ca for Locum Contract Template)