

# SUGGESTED PROGRAM GUIDELINES FOR HEALTH PROVIDERS

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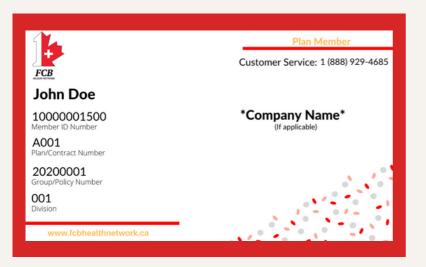
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## FIRST CANADIAN BENEFITS HEALTH NETWORK

First Canadian Benefits (FCB) has adopted recommendations of various health and industry professionals as it sets out in its publication of the FCB Health Network, its Suggested Program Guidelines for health providers (Program Guidelines), and its Schedule of Services utilizing reference-based pricing (RBP). RBP are contracted fees for service that are approximately 20% lower than the current fee guide/standard customary fees.

As a result, all Canadian residents will have the opportunity to seek treatment from all health providers (known as providers) enrolled in the FCB Health Network to save on the cost of care.

Eligible members seeking your clinic for services will be presenting their Member ID Card as seen below. Providers may use the information present on this card to verify the eligibility of the member within our E-Portal.





#### **DISCLAIMER**

The FCB Health Network is in compliance with its obligations under the Competition Act. The FCB Health Network is purely voluntary for health providers and suggestive in nature. Health providers are free to choose to accept enrollment in the FCB Health Network with no specific prerequisites expected. The FCB Health Network does not facilitate price collusion, has no compulsory directives regarding the practice of health care, and does not dictate in any manner whatsoever what health care treatment should be performed. The choice of what treatment is to be rendered remains exclusively at the professional discretion of the dentist, specialist, and denturist in consultation with and subject to the consent of the patient. FCB Health Network is away from common ownership as it works under a governance model of health care professionals meeting the recommendations put forth by their respected associations and industry professionals. FCB along with its Executive and Advisory Boards is responsible for sponsoring, administering, and managing all FCB-approved plans and policies under the direction of the Ontario Managed Care Association (OMCA).

#### HEALTH AND DENTAL SAVINGS PLAN/POLICY A001

FCB has embarked on providing a social contract to all Canadians in need as it sponsors and administers Plan A001. All Canadians will have the opportunity to subscribe to this savings plan enabling them to have a benefit relief for services under reference-based pricing (RBP). RBP are contracted fees for service that are approximately 20% lower than the current provincial fee guide. The purpose of this plan is to provide relief and aid in the financial recovery post-pandemic and to help all Canadians in need.

### HOW TO ENROLL AS A PROVIDER

In order to access the full potential of the FCB Health Network and E-Portal, prospective providers must first enroll into the program. Enrolling as a provider allows you and your office(s) to become discoverable on our interactive provider search, enabling Canadians to view and access your office for treatments.

To enroll, simply fill out and fax/email our provider enrollment form to solutions@fcbhealthnetwork.ca or visit www.fcbhealthnetwork.ca and click "Enroll Now" found on the top right-hand side of our webpage. Please ensure to fill in all required fields.

Providers have the ability to add multiple offices to their profile if they choose to. Each office registered under a provider will be accessible to the administrative staff if the provider chooses. Each office will have a separate and unique temporary password sent to them following enrollment.

Upon successful enrollment, a Provider ID # and a temporary password will be sent to the office email(s) on file. Simply update your password and proceed to the login page to access your Provider Portal. In instances where a provider forgets their password, a "forgot password" feature is present on our website, with an identity verification safety protocol to ensure you and your patients' information remains secure.

If you have any questions or concerns about the enrollment process you may reach us at solutions@fcbhealthnetwork.ca or 1 (888) 929-4685.

#### **FCB E-Portal**

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The FCB E-Portal has been designed exclusively for FCB Providers to verify the eligibility of FCB Members and enable providers to establish the reference-based pricing (RBP) fees for services rendered. By billing under RBP, providers are charging and accepting approximately 20% less than their professional fee guide and in turn, providing a benefit relief on services for FCB members. Upon establishing your RBP fee through the FCB E-Portal, an RBP Treatment Summary will be produced detailing what the FCB Member is to pay for the services rendered. Simply put, the FCB E-Portal is a program that facilitates the transaction of what the member is to pay the provider under reference-based pricing.

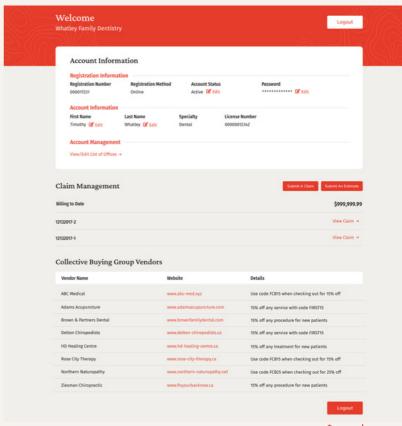
Always use the RBP fees established in the Treatment Summary to populate and complete the transaction in your practice management software.

#### **How To Establish RBP Fees**

#### 1. LOGIN AS A PROVIDER

Use your Provider ID and password to login and access your dashboard/E-portal.

This offers a quick snapshot of your account including your information, treatment history, and FCB's list of affiliated vendors (See adjacent image). To edit personal information such as email and phone number, simply click "edit" found under the account information box.



\*sample screen\*

#### 2. SELECT "INPUT TREATMENTS" OR "CREATE A TREATMENT ESTIMATE"

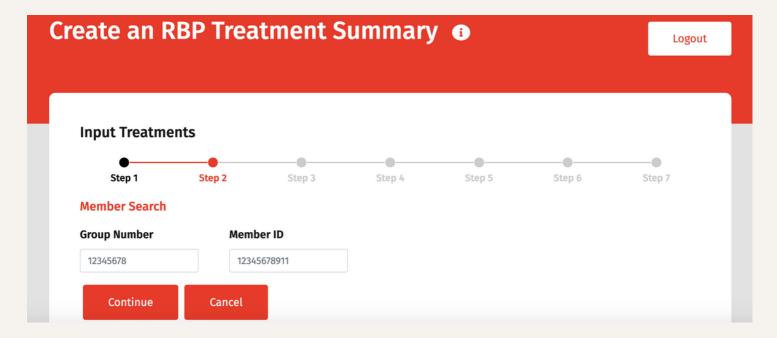
Below account information, you will see a treatment history section. This will outline recent treatments, billings to date, and allow you to input treatments or treatment estimates for your patients. Select the "Input Treatments" or "Create a Treatment Estimate" button and follow the outlined steps.

Account Management		
View Registered Office →		
Treatment History — View List Of Treatments Pe	rformed →	
Input Treatments	Create A Treatment Estimate	

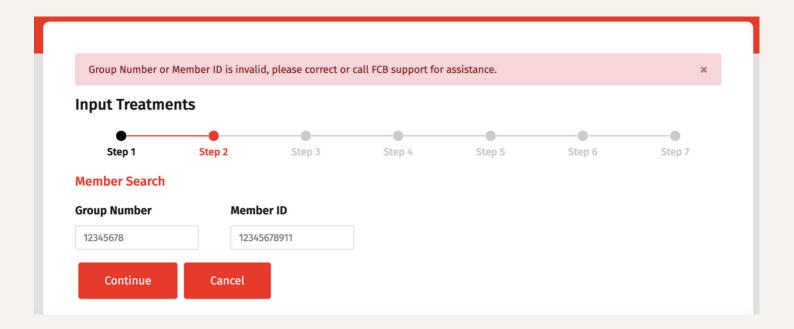
#### 3. CONFIRM MEMBER ELIGIBILITY

Providers must first verify the eligibility of the FCB plan member.

Once "Create a Treatment Estimate" or "Input Treatments" has been clicked in the provider's portal, they will be prompted with the screen shown below. Simply input the Group Number and Member ID found on the plan member's benefit card and click continue.



If the plan member does not exist in our health network an error message will appear.



#### 4. INPUT PROCEDURE/SERVICE CODES

Once eligibility has been verified, you will now input procedure codes for the service(s) that have been/will be performed.

Simply select a service from the drop-down menu and its relative description along with the RBP fee will be auto-populated.

Providers will be able to add up to 12 services. A 'notes' section will be present allowing you to record any additional clinical notes that may pertain to the treatment(s) performed. Once complete, simply click "validate" to ensure all information inputted is correct. If an issue is present, our systems will notify you of the reason and/or to contact FCB's support desk.



FCB's schedule of services has been pre-loaded into the E-Portal to ensure quick and easy usability when inputting treatments. The schedule of services is based on a reference based pricing model that equates to the providers current provincial fee guide minus approximately 20%.

#### **5. RBP TREATMENT SUMMARY**

Upon successful validation, an RBP Treatment Summary will be generated outlining the total RBP, and expense cost, as well as the amount to be paid.

A reference # will also be shown in the event you need our support. Once satisfied, the provider may click "done".

Providers must input the RBP Fees into their practice management software when invoicing FCB Members.

In the event an FCB Member has a primary plan, submit a claim as you normally would ensuring you bill the amounts outlined in the RBP Treatment Summary.

Line No	Service Code	Service Category	Service Description	RBP FCB program response
1	00001	Consultation:	Initial Consultations	\$100.13
	nent Sun	nmary Details	Processed date	Total Member Cost
-	action cour	-	2023-07-19	\$100.13
	Confirma an Estimate		's the member eligibility and the RBP o	cost you will be billing and accepting as full paymen

#### **Honourable Acknowledgment**

Respectfully thanking our health and dental providers who have diligently provided care throughout the pandemic as they endured risk, restrictions, financial stress, and heightened emotional distress. FCB Providers are truly the frontline heroes who continue to contribute not only to the health of the country, but also the economic recovery and well-being to all Canadians in need post-pandemic. FCB appreciates and is grateful to all its health and dental providers and affiliated vendors as they continue to contribute a benefit relief to all health and dental services under the Health and Dental Savings Plan A001. This social contribution enables patients to afford their health care as they recover post pandemic and allows existing plan sponsors to maintain and sustain their existing rates/premiums.

#### To: Health Providers

Health Providers are free to determine independently the FCB schedule of service fees that they may choose to charge and accept in their respective practices along with the choice in treatment protocols and procedures. This choice is based on a relationship made between the provider and patient using the principles of informed consent and through clinical evidence. FCB and its representatives recognize the autonomous virtues of this choice and do not interfere with the provider-patient relationship. There is no economic interest and/or financial incentive that would compromise the decision-making of a treatment plan.

Health Providers are free to choose and accept the FCB Program Guidelines along with its Schedule of Services under reference-based pricing for eligible members. When treating eligible members of the FCB Health Network, the following Program Guidelines shall apply to health providers in order for them to participate in the program.

#### **FCB Suggested Program Guidelines for Health Providers**

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Subject to the particulars of the eligible member's FCB plan, under the FCB Suggested Program Guidelines:

- 1. Health Providers agree to bill and accept up to the Schedules of Services, utilizing RBP, found in the Provider Manual as full payment (RBP =  $\sim$ 75% fee for service based on your provincial fee guide/normal and customary fees).
- 2. Health Providers agree to not make any charge to an eligible member other than the amount owing by the patient under RBP. Balance billing of payment outstanding should not exceed the FCB Schedule of Services utilizing RBP.
- 3. Health Providers agree to utilize the FCB E-Portal only for eligible members under FCB-approved plans.
- 4. Health Providers will not apply the Program Guidelines and Schedule of Services for, in part or in full, or any derivative thereof in connection with any other program and/or network that does not display the FCB Logo on the member's card unless approved by FCB and/or their association.
- 5. Provider ID numbers are the intellectual property of FCB and are not to be copied and/or used in any same or similar program.
- 6. FCB will be notifying Health Providers at least 30 days prior of any new Plan Sponsors/Payors and their eligible members participating in the FCB Health Network as they accept reference-based pricing.

- 7. Health Providers agree to accept members from unions, groups, associations, corporations, private individuals, and organizations.
- 8. For statistical purposes, Health Providers agree to permit FCB to produce utilization and production reports for internal analysis.
- 9. Health Providers will contact and inform FCB of all and any entity wanting to utilize the providers in the same or a similar program.
- 10. Health Providers agree that failure to comply with any of the FCB Program Guidelines will constitute grounds for their immediate termination from the FCB Health Network.
- 11. FCB has the authority to change and/or amend the FCB Program Guidelines according to recommendations made by the Ontario Managed Care Association (OMCA).
- 12. Health Providers may opt-out of FCB and/or terminate their registration to FCB by contacting FCB with a 30-day notice.
- 13. Health Providers agree to notify FCB members/patients 30 days prior to termination from participating in the FCB Health Network.
- 14. Health Providers agree to not continue applying the benefit relief, utilizing the same Program Guidelines and Schedule of Services under RBP, once the FCB member/patient is terminated from the FCB Health Network.
- 15. Health Providers agree not to balance bill eligible FCB members for the difference in price between reference-based pricing and their current fee guide pricing (approximately 25%).
- 16. There is no Coordination of Benefits with Plan A001.
- 17. Health Providers agree that the FCB Health Network is providing a social contract between plans, providers, members, and FCB. As such, Health Providers not complying to these program guidelines for eligible FCB Members will be liable for any losses.
- 18. Health Providers agree that no fee will be charged or billed to an FCB Member unless it is first entered into the FCB E-Portal to establish an RBP Treatment Summary. Following you agree to manually input the RBP fees outlined in the RBP Treatment Summary into your practice management software to produce an invoice to be paid.
- 19. Health Providers must only collect payments from the FCB Member after presenting an official RBP Treatment Summary, along with an invoice produced by your practice management software, outlining the treatment cost under RBP.
- 20. In the event an FCB Member has an existing benefits plan, Health Providers agree to submit a claim through their practice management software with the RBP fees outlined in the RBP Treatment Summary. Accepting assignment or non-assignment of benefits is a choice made by the provider.

#### SHEDULE B

Acupuncturists
Audiologists/Hearing
Chiropodists
Chiropractors
Clinical Psychologists
Massage Therapists
Naturopaths
Occupational Therapist
Optometrists
Osteopaths
Physiotherapists
Speech Therapists

**Examinations and Diagnostic services Services payable at 75%** 

Treatments

Treatments payable at 75%

Adjunctive Services/Dispensing Fees\*
Services payable at 75%

Laboratory Charges, Products, and Devices\*

Are not covered

\*Where Applicable

All services listed are payable by FCB-eligible members at the percentage indicated above. Payment reflects 75% of the provider's current provincial suggested fee guide/normal or customary fees.

Should you have any questions, please contact our call center at 1(888) 929-4685 or email us at solutions@fcbhealthnetwork.ca