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**Terms for Implementation of the Amendment to the  
*NBCA Billing for Services Standard of Practice***

The amendment to the *Billing for Services Standard of Practice Fee Arrangements* is effective 08 July 2024. From this date forward, chiropractors in New Brunswick are prohibited from

- making any pre-paid billing arrangement with patients, whether oral or in writing, covering more than one (1) office visit at a time.

The Board appreciates that as of 08 July 2024 chiropractors may have pre-existing billing arrangements with their patients and immediate cessation may result in difficult financial situations for some. Due to this, the Board has decided to allow any pre-paid billing arrangements on or prior to 08 July 2024 to continue until the term of the arrangement has been fulfilled, provided the patients who have these arrangements are informed of the amendment to the *Billing for Services Standard of Practice Fee Arrangements* and offered the opportunity to terminate the billing arrangement immediately. Please note that this exception will be in place for a maximum of one year. When this period ends, any pre-existing billing arrangements made prior to 08 July 2024 must be terminated.

Please see below for the terms for implementing the amendment to the *Billing for Services Standard of Practice Fee Arrangements*:

- (1) Beginning on 08 July 2024, a chiropractor must not enter any new billing arrangements with a patient that exceeds one patient visit.
- (2) If billing arrangement has been made prior to 08 July 2024, the chiropractor is not required to terminate that arrangement, however must:
  - (a) Immediately inform the patient in writing about
    - (i) details of the amendment made to the *Billing for Services Standard of Practice Fee Arrangements*, and clearly state that chiropractors in New Brunswick can no longer engage in any pre-paid billing arrangements covering more than one office visit at a time,
    - (ii) the patient's ability to see the pre-established billing arrangement through with the chiropractor as long as it does not exceed one year following 2 July 2024,
    - (iii) any financial implications for the patient should they choose to terminate the existing billing arrangement,
    - (iv) if the patient's decision is to proceed with the pre-existing billing arrangement,



- A. the requirement to terminate the billing arrangement no later than one year following the date the amendment is implemented regardless of the billing arrangement end date, and
  - B. any financial implications for the patient if the billing arrangement is terminated on that date, and
- (b) clearly document the patient's decision to continue with or terminate an existing billing arrangement that includes the patient's signature confirming the decision and full understanding of the changes.
- (3) During the duration a billing arrangement, as described in paragraph (2), remains active,
- (a) the chiropractor may accept any payments for professional services not yet rendered to the patient that have been agreed to in the billing arrangement, and
  - (b) the billing arrangement
    - (i) remains subject to the *Billing for Services Standard of Practice Fee Arrangements* as they were one day prior to the implementation of the amendment 08 July 2024, and
    - (ii) must not be renewed or extended to a longer duration or greater number of patient visits than was originally agreed upon with the patient.

**Please note, any breach of the *Billing for Services Standard of Practice Fee Arrangements* terms will be investigated pursuant to the provisions of *The Chiropractors Act, 1997*.**