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## To: all practitioners and billing staff

Effective April 1, 2013, members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) who are residents of Alberta will be eligible for coverage under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP). This change is the result of an amendment to the *Canada Health Act*.

Alberta RCMP members are being issued Alberta Personal Health Cards for April 1, 2013.\* Like other Alberta residents, they will be expected to show their Personal Health Card along with photo identification when visiting a doctor's office or hospital in Alberta and receiving services insured under the AHCIP.

Claims for insured services provided on or after April 1, 2013, to RCMP members registered with the AHCIP are to be submitted to the AHCIP. Payment will be made in accordance with the general rules and assessment criteria associated with Alberta's schedules of benefits. The claim submission deadline will be the same as for services provided to other Albertans. Claims for services insured under the AHCIP are **not to be submitted** to the RCMP or to Medavie Blue Cross.

RCMP members across Canada are eligible for enrolment in their home health care plans on April 1, 2013. Consequently, Alberta physician claims for services provided to RCMP members who are residents of the other Canadian provinces and territories (except Quebec) will be eligible for payment under the medical reciprocal program.

**Please note:** As described in the attached document produced by the RCMP, claims for services provided to members for work-related injury/illness should be directed to the RCMP. For more information, please refer to the section "Occupational Health Care Services (Duty Related Injury/Illness)" in the attachment. Claims for these services should **not** be sent to the Workers' Compensation Board or to the AHCIP.

The Physician's Resource Guide and Allied Health Practitioner's Resource Guide (available online at [www.health.alberta.ca/professionals/fees.html](http://www.health.alberta.ca/professionals/fees.html)) will be updated as soon as possible to reflect the above changes.

*\*The Personal Health Number on the new card is the same number as was displayed on the special ID card issued to Alberta RCMP members who participated in the RCMP Enrolment Program pilot project described in [Bulletin Gen 74](#). As part of registering with the AHCIP, RCMP members have been directed to destroy the ID cards associated with the pilot project, as that project will be terminated.*

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## **ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE (RCMP)**

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PHYSICIANS AND HOSPITALS REGARDING BASIC, SUPPLEMENTAL / EXTENDED AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR RCMP MEMBERS**

March 2013

#### **PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL BASIC HEALTH CARE**

Effective April 1, 2013, eligible RCMP members will receive coverage of their basic health care through their respective home province/territory health insurance plans. The province/territory will process all eligible basic health services as they do for other residents of the province/territory in which the member resides.

RCMP members should be billed for services at the provincial/territorial resident rates as they are now insurable under the *Canada Health Act*.

By now, all eligible RCMP members should have received, or will soon be receiving, a provincial/territorial health card which they must present for basic medical and hospital services starting April 1, 2013.

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##### Occupational Health Care Services (Duty Related Injury/Illness):

Effective April 1, 2013, claims submitted using provincial/territorial or hospital codes for services rendered under Occupational Health Care (duty related injury/illness) must be submitted to the member's divisional Occupational Health and Safety Services office using current Blue Cross POC 06 - Physicians / POC 05 - Hospitals claim forms.

The RCMP will honour claims submitted using Workers Compensation rates if these are different from provincial/territorial resident rates.

Current process pertaining to completion of "Medical Certificate – Form 2135" remains in effect.

Current Supplemental /Extended and Occupational Health Care Services:

With regard to these services, eligible RCMP members must present their health claims administrator card. Claims will be processed in accordance with current RCMP health care policy and benefits grid.

Basic Health Care claims incurred prior to April 1, 2013:

These claims should be submitted to the health claims administrator for processing in accordance with current RCMP health care policy and benefits grid.

Contact information for RCMP Occupational Health and Safety Service Offices is included for your reference.

If you have any questions, you may contact your regional Blue Cross Provider Inquiry Line toll free at 1-888-261-4033.

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