PCN Primary Care Clinical Pharmacists

Primary Care Clinical Pharmacists (PCCPs) provide comprehensive medication management services focused on the on-going care of adult patients with complex conditions to prevent and resolve medication-related problems. PCCPs also provide education to patients about their medications and address barriers to adherence. PCCPs collaborate with the patient and healthcare team to implement treatment plans.

Refer complex patients:

- Multiple drug therapies or health conditions
- Optimize drug therapy for chronic diseases
- Polypharmacy concerns
- Medication allergies or adverse reactions
- Sub-optimal drug therapy outcomes
- Complexities from self-treatment including supplements
- Any medical complexity, issues or concerns

Refer patients experiencing change:

- **Starting** or **stopping** medications
- Recent discharge from hospital
- Recent attachment to a new provider
- Complex or costly drug therapies

Patients benefit from:

- Extra 1:1 time with a clinician (Initial appointments are 60 minutes)
- Support identifying and prioritizing drug therapy problems
- Addressing learning goals and obstacles to optimal medication use

Providers benefit from:

- Information about best and alternative treatment options
- Increased capacity to care for their patient panel with this added support for patients who need extra time

MSP Billing Notes:

The PCCP can support care planning tasks for the Complex Care Planning Fee, **PG14033** or **PG14075** (Frailty) in addition to physician one-on-one time spent with patient.

The PCCP can complete 1 of 2 mandatory in-person visits for Chronic Disease Management fees: **PG14050**, **PG14051**, **PG14052**, **and PG14053**. The physician must also bill **PG14029** if a college-certified Allied Care Provider (e.g. PCCP) is completing one of these visits.

Time spent case conferencing with the PCCP can be billed under **PG14067** or **PG14077**.

For more information, please review the GPSC Billing Guides: https://gpscbc.ca/what-we-do/incentives/fees

How Do I Submit A PCCP Referral?

Each PCN determines the referral process for their PCCP.

The following patient information is required to process the referral:

- Patient's first and last name
- PHN
- Sex
- Date of birth
- Phone number
- Address
- Reason for referral and referral source
- Medical clinic summary, if available
- Any special requirements for patient consultation (translation services, accessibility considerations, etc.)