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BROADCAST TITLE (50 char): LPN, RN, RN(C), RPN, RPN(C) Encounter Code Update

BROADCAST MESSAGE (UP TO 5 PAGES, 12 LINES PER PAGE, 76 CHARACTERS PER LINE):

Effective October 1, 2025, updated encounter codes for licensed practical nurses (LPNs), registered nurses (RNs), registered nurses with certified practice (RN(C)s), registered psychiatric nurses (RPNs), and registered psychiatric nurses with certified practice (RPN(C)s) will be implemented within primary care settings.

This update is designed to resolve inconsistent code use across sites, clarify application, improve workflow integration, enhance data feedback mechanisms, and align coding with the current nursing scope in primary care.

A new Encounter coding for LPN, RN, RN(C), RPN, RPN(C): Guidance document will also be released to support implementation. Documents will become available as of the effective date at http://www.pcnbc.ca.

If you are a nurse employed by a family physician or nurse practitioner in a primary care clinic within the Nurse in Practice program and have clinical questions about encounter coding, please contact the Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of British Columbia, Nursing Initiatives for Primary Care program at nipcteam@nnpbc.com. If you are a nurse employed by a health authority, please consult with your health authority's Professional Practice for support prior to and after the effective start date.

If necessary, please update your electronic medical record (EMR) accordingly. For questions about how to update your EMR, contact your EMR vendor for support.

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