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BROADCAST TITLE (50 char): AMEND FIs 25316, 25317, 25318

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

EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2026 NOTE V OF FEE ITEMS 25316 AND 25318, AND NOTE IV OF FEE ITEM 25317 ARE AMENDED TO INCLUDE 02359.

T25316 Comprehensive aeration of a complex frontal sinus-without drilling (unilateral)
Includes comprehensive removal of all septations within the frontal recess – resulting in a maximally expanded frontal sinus outflow tract bounded by the orbit, frontal beak, posterior table of the frontal sinus (including identification of the anterior ethmoid artery) and middle turbinate (or septum, if the middle turbinate is removed).

Notes:

- i) *Either a) or b) must apply:*
 - a. *Frontal sinus with complex frontal recess cellularity as defined by the IFAC classification.*
 - b. *For revision surgery, frontal sinus with complicated frontal recess anatomy (such as scarring following previous frontal sinus surgery).*
- ii) *Requires direct visualization of the top of the frontal sinus with an angled endoscope.*
- iii) *Frontal sinus disease must be present to bill this item.*
- iv) *Not to be billed in uncomplicated anterior ethmoidotomy.*
- v) *Payable at 100% with one of 02359, 02360, 02361, 02362 or 02363.*
- vi) *Payable at 150% if done bilaterally.*
- vii) *Not payable with 25318.*
- viii) *Not payable with 25315 or 25317 on same side.*
- ix) *Payable at 50% if repeated on same side within six months.*
- x) *Payable at 50% if done within six months of 25318.*
- xi) *Payable at 50% if done within six months of 25315 or 25317 on same side.*

T25317 Comprehensive aeration of a complex frontal sinus-with drilling (unilateral)
Frontal recess must have chronic inflammation, scarring or narrow anatomy (usually because of a prominent bony frontal beak resulting in a poor AP diameter to the frontal recess) and where the bone/scar tissue in the frontal recess is firm enough to necessitate use of a drill. Includes comprehensive removal of all septations within the frontal recess – resulting in a maximally expanded frontal sinus outflow tract bounded by the orbit, frontal beak, posterior table of the frontal sinus (including identification of the anterior ethmoid artery) and middle turbinate (or septum, if the middle turbinate is removed).

Notes:

- i) *Requires direct visualization of the top of the frontal sinus with an angled endoscope.*
- ii) *Frontal sinus disease must be present to bill this item.*
- iii) *Not to be billed in uncomplicated anterior ethmoidotomy.*
- iv) *Payable at 100% with one of 02359, 02360, 02361, 02362, or 02363.*
- v) *Payable at 150% if done bilaterally.*
- vi) *Not payable with 25318.*
- vii) *Not payable with 25315 or 25316 on same side.*
- viii) *Payable at 50% if repeated on same side within six months.*
- ix) *Payable at 50% if done within six months of 25318.*

T25318 Modified endoscopic Lothrop procedure (Draf III) Requires the drilling of the entire floor of both frontal sinuses, the frontal intersinus septum and an anterior/superior nasal septectomy (unilateral or bilateral)

Notes:

- i) *Restricted to Otolaryngologists.*
- ii) *Requires direct visualization of frontal sinus recess/ostium.*
- iii) *Frontal sinus disease must be present to bill this item.*
- iv) *Not to be billed in uncomplicated anterior ethmoidotomy.*
- v) *Payable at 100% with one of 02359, 02360, 02361, 02362, or 02363.*
- vi) *Includes fee items 25315, 25316 or 25317.*
- vii) *Payable at 50% if repeated within six months.*
- viii) *Payable at 100% within six months of 25315, 25316 or 25317.*

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| PY-PAYEES ----- | PAYEE NO. |
| PR- PRACTITIONER ----- | PRACTITIONER NO. |
| SP-SPECIALTY ----- | SPECIALTY CODE |
| AI-ASSOCIATION IDENTIFIER ----- | MD – BC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION |
| A -ALL ----- | LEAVE TARGET KEY BLANK |
| PS-PAYEE STATUS ----- | C - VESTED INTEREST LAB |
| | F - PRIMARY CARE |
| | H - HOSPITAL |
| | I - INACTIVE PAYEE |
| | L - LABORATORY |
| | M - ACTIVE PAYEE |
| | V - 3RD PARTY- OUT OF PROVINCE |
| | Y – ALTERNATIVE PAYMENTS PROGRAM |