

Billing Information Sheet

Joint Medical Professional Review Committee (JMPRC)

What is the JMPRC?

The Joint Medical Professional Review Committee (JMPRC) is a **physician peer-review** Committee that was established by section 49 of *The Saskatchewan Medical Care Insurance Act* (1988) to **review the billing patterns of Saskatchewan physicians** who are directly billing the publically funded system for insured services.

Who are members of the JMPRC?

1. Two physician members appointed by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan;
2. Two physician members appointed by the Saskatchewan Medical Association;
3. Two physicians appointed by the Ministry of Health, one of which must be an employee of the MOH (Medical Consultant).

What is the JMPRC's mandate?

The JMPRC reviews billing patterns of physicians referred by the Director of Professional Review of the Ministry of Health and in cases where they determine that monies have been paid by the Minister inappropriately, they may order recovery from the physician. The JMPRC's mandate is not to review quality of patient care.

What is the JMPRC's process?

The JMPRC initially reviews a de-identified statistical billing profile which is compiled of billings submitted to Medical Services Branch by the physician under review. The review of a physician's pattern of practice can include the number of services billed, the type of services billed and the medical record for the services that have been billed.

Matters referred to the JMPRC may be discharged without further investigation following review of the billing pattern presented. Where the JMPRC is unable to conclude its review based on the billing pattern alone, the physician is asked to provide additional information in the form of medical records. The Committee compares the billings submitted by the physician to the information documented in the medical record in order to confirm the appropriateness of the service billed.

Should the JMPRC be unable to conclude their review with the medical records provided, the JMPRC provides the physician an opportunity for an interview. The interview provides a forum that the JMPRC and physician being reviewed can discuss the issues that the Committee are reviewing.

What are the possible outcomes of the JMPRC review?

After the conclusion of the interview, the JMPRC may order recovery of monies if they determine the Minister has paid monies inappropriately. If the physician disagrees with a decision made by the Committee, he/she has 30-days after the final order has been issued to appeal the decision to the Court of Queen's Bench.

To find out more information about the JMPRC, please contact: JMPRC@health.gov.sk.ca