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### **Notice of discontinuation of the College's ECG examination**

The CPSS will no longer be offering the ECG examination offered to General Practitioners and non-certified physicians\* to be able to submit billing codes 31 and 31D of the [Physician Payment Schedule](#), effective April 1, 2022.

\* Physicians with Royal College Certification in internal medicine are not required to challenge the examination in order to be approved to bill for ECG interpretation.

The [payment schedule](#) negotiated between the Saskatchewan Medical Association and the Government of Saskatchewan has, for many years, required the College to approve physicians to bill for ECG interpretations. The ECG examination developed by the College's ECG committee has been the basis for the College to approve physicians to bill for ECG interpretations.

At its meeting on March 18, 2022 the Council decided that physicians and non-certified physicians will be required to successfully complete the ECG examination offered through the [American Board of Cardiovascular Medicine – Advanced ECG Board Certification Examination](#) to bill for ECG interpretation.

If a different examination in ECG interpretation becomes available in future, the College may consider whether to approve that examination.

Physicians previously approved by the College will continue to hold this privilege.

The CPSS approach is consistent with the [CPSA](#) approval process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Werner Oberholzer".

Dr. Werner Oberholzer  
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