



**VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA (VAC)  
PROGRAM OF CHOICE (POC) 12 – RELATED HEALTH SERVICES  
(PSYCHOLOGISTS) – ALBERTA**

February 2012

**Effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012**, the maximum rate payable by VAC will change for specific psychology codes under Program of Choice (POC) 12 – Related Health Services in the province of Alberta.

**Please refer to the table on the second page of this bulletin for the new rates.**

Providers will be reimbursed their usual and customary charges up to a maximum of the dollar limit indicated on the Benefit Grid.

**Providers must not charge VAC clients more than other clients who are residents of the province.**

Please communicate this information to your members. Members may direct their inquiries to their regional Blue Cross office at 1-888-261-4033.

Thank you for the ongoing care and service you provide to our Veterans.

**REMINDER**

Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) is improving the service delivery of its treatment benefits program by updating benefit grids so that most services/items will only require pre-authorization the first time a Veteran accesses the benefit. In many cases, subsequent requests by the Veteran for the same benefit will not require subsequent pre-authorizations making it easier for the Veteran to obtain the services/items required.

In some cases, benefits/services such as those that support VAC's rehabilitation program may continue to require pre-approval. Please contact our Treatment Authorization Centre toll free at 1-866-811-6060 to verify client eligibility.

**VAC Rates for Alberta Psychology Services  
EFFECTIVE March 1, 2012**

**Note:** All rates are per hour unless otherwise indicated.

<b>CODE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>NEW RATE</b>
244984	Clinical Care Manager – Psychologist	\$90/half hour
249059	Psychologist – Assessment Report	\$180
249053	Psychologist – Couple or Family Visit	\$180
249056	Psychologist – End of Treatment Summary	\$180
249008	Psychologist – Group Therapy for Client	\$60
249006	Psychologist – Group Therapy for Family Member	\$60
249040	Psychologist – Individual Visit	\$180
249054	Psychologist – Progress Report	\$180
249004	Psychologist – Specialized Outpatient Treatment Program for Client	No rate
249002	Psychologist – Specialized Outpatient Treatment Program for Family Member	No rate
240320	Rehabilitation Program – Psychology Visit – Individual Counselling for Client	\$180
249049	Rehabilitation Program – Psychological Counselling Group Therapy	\$60
240302	Rehabilitation Program – Psychologist – Progress Report	\$180
240300	Rehabilitation Program – Psychologist Initial Assessment	\$180
240305	Rehabilitation Program – Psychologist Visit – Addictions Counselling	\$180
240307	Rehabilitation Program – Psychologist Visit – Family/Couples Counselling	\$180
240306	Rehabilitation Program – Psychologist Visit – Individual Counselling for Spouse/Dependant	\$180
240303	Rehabilitation Program – Psychologist Visit – Pain Management	\$180
240304	Rehabilitation Program – Psychologist Visit – Sleep Disorders	\$180