



ARE YOU AWARE OF NOVA SCOTIA BILLING CODES 3.03E & 3.04C?

These are billing codes that allow you to bill for additional time during visits and yearly health checks for patients with intellectual and developmental disabilities, who benefit from periodic health checks and longer appointment times.

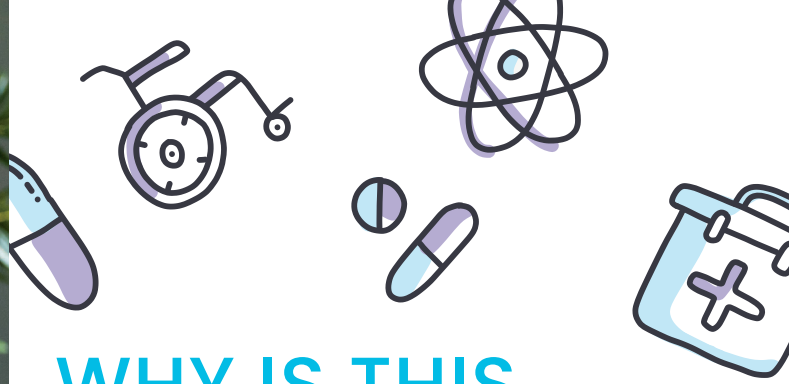
PHYSICIAN BILLING CODES

3.03E



“The care of adults with developmental disabilities” provides additional time during visits

3.04C

“Adults with developmental disabilities complete examination” provides more time during annual physical exams



WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

6.4%  
of physicians using code in 2022

DECREASED TO:

6.1%  
of physicians using code in 2023

DESPITE:

% of population with a disability saw an **increase of 7.6%** from 2017 to 2022



In order for more individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to access **more equitable health care**, we **need** to be seeing an **increase** in the use of these billing codes among physicians.¹

“If he doesn’t feel rushed he can communicate so much better, so that longer period of time has unearthed some problems that never would have been unearthed if he had felt rushed.” - Caregiver

Moving towards more Equitable Access to Healthcare for individuals with developmental disabilities

The use of these billing codes is necessary to work towards more equitable access within the medical system for individuals with developmental disabilities and contributes towards meeting the unmet healthcare needs of this population.

Reference

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