

2024 Fee Survey Summary

During the month of September 2024, members of Chiropractors Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia College of Chiropractors were forwarded an online questionnaire via Microsoft Office. Members were requested to share information, anonymously or with identification, related to fees charged to patients for common procedures and products.

There were 92 respondents of 198 active members (per July 17, 2024) representing a response rate of 46.7%.

Key areas of common billing are summarized below:

Procedure	Average	Lowest	Highest
Initial Examination	\$112.18	\$75	\$300
Subsequent Visit	\$66.68	\$50	\$140
Reexamination	\$84.27	\$25	\$200
Orthotics (38/92)	\$420.38	\$300	\$550

Other billing information for reports and forms, other therapeutic interventions, acupuncture services, and products were collected but were informative, but billing methods were widely variable, E.G. medical legal reports varied by time, number of pages or flat fees which make data summarizing difficult. The data will be useful for the broader context of discussions with insurers, etc.

The data is important to inform insurance in all areas of common fees and potential loss of income for practitioners when patients are not provided with adequate coverage in areas like WCB and MVA. In addition, it highlights the lag in private insurance coverage where a patient receiving a minimum of care (initial examination, 12 visits, reexamination) would require close to \$1000.00 on average to address only a single episode of concern and assumes no additional modalities or concurrent care plans.

Thank you to all members for your participation and willingness to share your information. We are better together!

Sincerely,

Dr. Matt Kennedy

President, Chiropractors Nova Scotia