

Agency Alert

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MASSACHUSETTS AGENTS: POLICY RATING & RULE CHANGES

Effective July 1, 2006, our Physician & Surgeon Professional Liability policies will have an increase in base rates of 5.0% for both new and renewal business. Please note: a revised Massachusetts Classification Plan & Rate Sheet is attached.

In order for ProMutual Group to continue to be able to protect the healthcare providers we insure, rates charged must reflect expected future legal defense and claim costs. Despite the stability of ProMutual Group's capital base, our rate levels must be adequate to match these anticipated costs. As such, we feel that a reasonable rate increase for physicians in Massachusetts is necessary at this time.

Further, it should be noted that ProMutual Group did not file a rate change for Massachusetts Individual Professional Liability policies last year. This year's rate increase reflects the moderate growth in claim costs since our last rate change in 2004.

Classification Plan Changes

Also effective July 1, 2006, we revised the classification codes for family practice and general practice physicians to more accurately reflect the risk involved with obstetrical care. The following changes have been made:

Classification Code Changes		
Code	Description	Revision
80468	Family practice, GP - incl. all OB	Discontinued: Move insureds to 80467
80466	Family practice, GP - incl. prenatal only	Discontinued: Move insureds to 80467
80467	Family practice, GP - incl. vaginal del only	New description "Family practice, with OB-assist in c-sections"
80117	Family practice, GP (excl. all OB), major surgery	Discontinued: Move to appropriate surgical class

- Use **80420 Family practice, GP (excl. all OB), no surgery**, if the applicant does not perform any surgery or prenatal care. Circumcisions must be less than 3 per month.
- Use **80421 Family practice, GP (excl. all OB), minor surgery**, if the applicant performs minor surgery but does not perform any prenatal care.
- Use **80467 Family practice, GP-with OB, assist CS**, if the applicant provides prenatal care, performs vaginal deliveries and/or only assists with c-sections (on his/her own patients or patients of others).

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Classification Plan Changes (*continued*)

- Use **80153 OB, gynecology, major surgery**, if the applicant performs c-sections, unless use of **80467 Family practice, GP-with OB, assist CS**, is approved by Underwriting Management.
- Use the appropriate surgical classification code if the applicant performs major surgery excluding obstetrical procedures.

There are no classification code changes to **Family Practice, no surgery, (code 80420)**, **minor surgery (code 80421)**, or **OB, gynecology, major surgery (code 80153)**.

We have also added **class code 71501, Certified Nurse Midwives, rate group N1**, to the class plan. This rate group has been a part of our filed rates but was previously listed separate from the physician class plan.

Rule Change

The following rule change, also effective July 1, 2006, applies to Partnership & Corporation Professional Liability policies:

Base Premium Computation

We have clarified the language of this rule to state that the reporting endorsement premium for a corporate policy will not be subject to the corporate maximum premium.

If you have any questions regarding the changes mentioned in this Alert, please contact your marketing representative or your underwriter.

All the best,



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Enc. MA Classification Plan & Rate Sheet

ProMutual - Massachusetts - Physicians and Surgeons Professional Liability - Eff: 7/1/06

First Year Claims Made Rates				Fourth Year Claims Made Rates			
Group	1,000/2,000	1,000/3,000	2,000/6,000	Group	1,000/2,000	1,000/3,000	2,000/6,000
A	504	516	616	A	1,511	1,549	1,847
1	1,689	1,731	2,064	1	5,071	5,197	6,196
2	2,142	2,196	2,618	2	6,427	6,587	7,854
3	3,646	3,737	4,456	3	10,939	11,211	13,367
4	3,967	4,066	4,847	4	11,903	12,199	14,545
5	4,090	4,223	5,124	5	12,271	12,668	15,371
6	4,637	4,752	5,666	6	13,913	14,259	17,001
7	5,194	5,323	6,346	7	15,581	15,969	19,039
8	5,708	5,893	7,150	8	17,127	17,682	21,454
9	6,027	6,177	7,365	9	18,080	18,530	22,093
10	6,261	6,417	7,651	10	18,781	19,249	22,950
11	7,850	8,104	9,833	11	23,547	24,309	29,495
12	8,015	8,275	10,040	12	24,045	24,824	30,120
13	8,331	8,539	10,181	13	24,994	25,616	30,543
14	12,044	12,434	15,086	14	36,134	37,304	45,262
15	14,514	14,984	18,180	15	43,539	44,949	54,538
16	14,776	15,254	18,508	16	44,327	45,762	55,525
17	23,749	24,518	29,749	17	71,247	73,555	89,246
18	29,887	30,855	37,437	18	89,661	92,565	112,312
19	32,038	33,076	40,132	19	96,118	99,231	120,400
N1	2,307	2,382	2,890	N1	6,918	7,143	8,666

Second Year Claims Made Rates				Mature Claims Made Rates			
Group	1,000/2,000	1,000/3,000	2,000/6,000	Group	1,000/2,000	1,000/3,000	2,000/6,000
A	839	860	1,025	A	1,680	1,722	2,053
1	2,817	2,887	3,443	1	5,635	5,775	6,885
2	3,572	3,661	4,364	2	7,141	7,319	8,726
3	6,076	6,227	7,424	3	12,154	12,456	14,852
4	6,613	6,778	8,081	4	13,224	13,553	16,159
5	6,817	7,038	8,539	5	13,634	14,076	17,079
6	7,729	7,921	9,445	6	15,460	15,845	18,892
7	8,654	8,870	10,575	7	17,311	17,742	21,154
8	9,514	9,823	11,918	8	19,029	19,645	23,836
9	10,045	10,295	12,275	9	20,087	20,587	24,547
10	10,433	10,693	12,749	10	20,868	21,388	25,501
11	13,081	13,505	16,386	11	26,162	27,010	32,772
12	13,358	13,790	16,732	12	26,716	27,581	33,465
13	13,886	14,232	16,969	13	27,770	28,462	33,935
14	20,074	20,724	25,145	14	40,147	41,448	50,290
15	24,189	24,972	30,300	15	48,375	49,942	60,596
16	24,626	25,424	30,847	16	49,252	50,847	61,694
17	39,582	40,864	49,581	17	79,164	81,728	99,163
18	49,812	51,426	62,397	18	99,623	102,849	124,790
19	53,399	55,128	66,889	19	106,798	110,257	133,778
N1	3,843	3,968	4,814	N1	7,687	7,936	9,629

Third Year Claims Made Rates				Occurrence Rates			
Group	1,000/2,000	1,000/3,000	2,000/6,000	Group	1,000/2,000	1,000/3,000	2,000/6,000
A	1,260	1,292	1,540	A	1,562	1,604	1,961
1	4,225	4,330	5,163	1	5,237	5,379	6,576
2	5,355	5,488	6,544	2	6,638	6,818	8,335
3	9,115	9,342	11,138	3	11,298	11,603	14,185
4	9,917	10,164	12,119	4	12,295	12,627	15,437
5	10,226	10,557	12,809	5	12,702	13,036	16,197
6	11,595	11,883	14,168	6	14,372	14,760	18,045
7	12,983	13,306	15,865	7	16,092	16,527	20,205
8	14,272	14,734	17,877	8	17,726	18,193	22,604
9	15,065	15,440	18,409	9	18,674	19,179	23,447
10	15,651	16,040	19,125	10	19,399	19,923	24,357
11	19,622	20,257	24,579	11	24,374	25,015	31,081
12	20,037	20,686	25,099	12	24,887	25,542	31,736
13	20,827	21,346	25,451	13	25,817	26,515	32,416
14	30,112	31,087	37,719	14	37,400	38,384	47,692
15	36,282	37,457	45,448	15	45,063	46,249	57,464
16	36,939	38,135	46,271	16	45,880	47,087	58,505
17	59,374	61,297	74,374	17	73,746	75,687	94,040
18	74,718	77,138	93,594	18	92,805	95,247	118,343
19	80,097	82,691	100,332	19	99,487	102,105	126,864
N1	5,765	5,952	7,221	N1	7,161	7,349	9,131

Limits are shown in \$1,000 - see manual for additional rates



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Medical Professional Liability
Classification Plan (Alphabetical) - MA

Group	Class	Description	Group	Class	Description
14	80166	Abdominal, major surgery	7	80286	Neoplastic disease, minor surgery
1	80225	Administrative	3	80259	Neoplastic disease, no surgery
3	80230	Aerospace medicine	12	80108	Nephrology, major surgery
2	80254	Allergy	7	80287	Nephrology, minor surgery
11	80151	Anesthesiology	4	80260	Nephrology, no surgery
8	80199	Anesthesiology (with risk mgmt discount)	18	80152	Neurology - incl. children, major surgery
14	80184	Bariatric, major surgery	10	80288	Neurology - incl. children, minor surgery
12	80101	Bronco-esophagology, major surgery	6	80261	Neurology - incl. children, no surgery
14	80141	Cardiac, major surgery	2	80262	Nuclear medicine
16	80150	Cardiovascular disease, major surgery	2	80248	Nutrition
7	80281	Cardiovascular disease, minor surgery	19	80153	OB, gynecology, major surgery
3	80255	Cardiovascular disease, no surgery	19	80168	OB, major surgery
N1	71501	Certified nurse midwife	2	80233	Occupational medicine
12	80115	Colon & rectal, major surgery	5	80114	Ophthalmology, major surgery
12	80818	Dermatology, major surgery	5	80289	Ophthalmology, minor surgery
7	80282	Dermatology, minor surgery	2	80263	Ophthalmology, no surgery
2	80256	Dermatology, no surgery	15	80354	Orthopedic excl. spinal, major surgery
7	80271	Diabetes, minor surgery	17	80154	Orthopedic incl. spinal, major surgery
3	80237	Diabetes, no surgery	12	80142	Otolaryngology, major surgery
14	80157	Emergency medicine, incl. major surgery (board cert.)	12	80158	Otology, major surgery
14	80465	Emergency medicine, incl. major surgery (no board cert.)	7	80290	Otology, minor surgery
13	80102	Emergency medicine, no major surgery (board cert.)	3	80264	Otology, no surgery
13	80464	Emergency medicine, no major surgery (no board cert.)	12	80159	Otorhinolaryngology, major surgery
12	80103	Endocrinology, major surgery	7	80291	Otorhinolaryngology, minor surgery
7	80272	Endocrinology, minor surgery	3	80265	Otorhinolaryngology, no surgery
3	80238	Endocrinology, no surgery	6	80816	Pain management, no surgery
10	80421	Family practice, GP (excl. all OB), minor surgery	7	80292	Pathology, minor surgery
3	80420	Family practice, GP (excl. all OB), no surgery	3	80266	Pathology, no surgery
10	80467	Family practice, GP - with OB, assist CS	7	80293	Pediatrics, minor surgery
2	80240	Forensic medicine, legal medicine	2	80267	Pediatrics, no surgery
12	80104	Gastroenterology, major surgery	3	80234	Pharmacology, clinical
7	80274	Gastroenterology, minor surgery	1	80235	Physiatry, phys. med. & rehab.
4	80241	Gastroenterology, no surgery	10	80294	Physician (NOC), minor surgery
14	80143	General (NOC), major surgery	2	80268	Physician (NOC), no surgery
3	80231	General preventative medicine, no surgery	10	80422	Physician - no major surgery, major invasive proc.
12	80105	Geriatrics, major surgery	10	80443	Physician - no major surgery, minor invasive proc.
7	80276	Geriatrics, minor surgery	14	80156	Plastic (NOC), major surgery
2	80243	Geriatrics, no surgery	14	80155	Plastic - otorhinolaryngology, major surgery
14	80167	Gynecology, major surgery	1	80249	Psychiatry - incl. children
7	80277	Gynecology, minor surgery	1	80250	Psychoanalysis
4	80244	Gynecology, no surgery	3	80251	Psychosomatic medicine
14	80169	Hand, major surgery	2	80236	Public health
16	80170	Head & neck, major surgery	3	80269	Pulmonary disease, no surgery
7	80278	Hematology, minor surgery	4	80817	Radiation oncologist
4	80245	Hematology, no surgery	9	80280	Radiology - diagnosis, minor surgery
4	80814	Hospitalist	6	80253	Radiology - diagnosis, no surgery
2	80232	Hypnosis	A	80221	Retired
7	80279	Infectious disease, minor surgery	3	80252	Rheumatology, no surgery
2	80246	Infectious disease, no surgery	12	80160	Rhinology, major surgery
7	80283	Intensive care medicine	7	80270	Rhinology, minor surgery
4	80815	Intensivist/urgent care	3	80247	Rhinology, no surgery
7	80284	Internal medicine, minor surgery	14	80144	Thoracic, major surgery
4	80257	Internal medicine, no surgery	16	80171	Traumatic, major surgery
12	80106	Laryngology, major surgery	12	80145	Urology, major surgery
7	80285	Laryngology, minor surgery	16	80146	Vascular, major surgery
3	80258	Laryngology, no surgery	A	80220	Volunteer
12	80107	Neoplastic disease, major surgery			

This guide is supplied as a quick aid. If there is a discrepancy between this guide and the published rates/classes in the ProMutual Group Rules & Rating Manual, the manual will take preference.