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**TO: WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE CARRIERS
SELF-INSURED EMPLOYERS
THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATORS
MEDICAL PROVIDERS**

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**RE: CLARIFICATION OF UNIT VALUES IN THE RBRVS AS ADOPTED BY
THE LABOR COMMISSION**

This Bulletin serves as notification that the "Non Facility Total" unit value, as published in the 2001 RBRVS by St. Anthony's Publishing and adopted by the Utah Labor Commission on January 2, 2001, is a global fee. The non facility total, by definition on page 20 of the above publication, includes the physician's practice expenses, work value, and malpractice insurance. Practice expense, as defined on page 21 of the above publication, represents the physician's direct and indirect costs related to each service. Direct expenses required for each procedure include non-physician labor, medical equipment and medical supplies. Indirect expenses include the cost of general office supplies, rent, utilities, and other office overhead that cannot be directly tied to a specific procedure. It also includes pre and post operative follow-up care for surgical procedures. The number of days for follow-up care are specified in the "global" column of the RBRVS.

The "Non Facility Total" unit value adopted by the Labor Commission does not include, by definition on page 20 of the above named publication, care that is provided in a facility setting such as a hospital, ambulatory surgical center or a skilled nursing facility. The unit value applied to care provided in one of the above settings is the Facility Total value.