

BULLETIN

To: Workers' Compensation Insurance Carriers
Self Insured Employers
Third Party Administrators

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Re: New Rules

Effective July 2, 2005, the following rule changes will go into effect:

1. R612-2-5. Regulation of Medical Practitioner Fees.

This rule adapts the 2005 Federal RBRVS and the 2005 AMA CPT along with the Labor Commission's Medical Fee Guidelines. The conversion factor for Medicine, E&M codes and the Restorative Services codes will increase from \$42 to \$44 per unit of value.

2. R612-2-18. Dental Injuries.

This rule allows the payer to seek a second opinion for dental work and requires an injured worker to obtain the dental work from the payer's dentist. If the treating dentist does not seek authorization to treat prior to the work being done, then the dentist may be paid at the 70th percentile of the UCR. A new form is accompanying this bulletin for extension of time to obtain a second opinion.

3. 612-2-22. Medical Records.

This rule states under what conditions a payer may seek additional medical records in addition to the workers' compensation treatment records with a notarized release. Certain records may be excluded by the injured worker and may only be obtained with approval from the Labor Commission. The new medical release and provider forms accompany this bulletin. There is a separate provider list form for adjudicated claims as all medical records may be obtained by the payer or its attorney.

4. R612-1-3. Official Forms.

This rule defines first aid for the purpose of explaining when an employer must submit an "Employer's First Report of Injury" (Form 122) to the Labor Commission and the insurance carrier.

The revised rules and forms, as well as the Commission's Medical Fee Guidelines may be accessed and downloaded from the Commission's Web Site.