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To: Medical Care Providers  
Workers’ Compensation Insurance Carriers  
Self Insured Employers  
Third Party Administrators  

From: Ronald Dressler, Director  
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Date: December 6, 2012  
Re: Medical Fee Schedule  

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

The Labor Commission has adopted the 2012 Resource Based Relative Value Scale (“RBRVS”), First Quarter Emergency Update and the 2012 American Medical Association Current Procedural Terminology (“CPT”) codes effective December 1, 2012. The conversion factors have increased as indicated in the attached rule. Please also note that the formerly referred to “Medical Fee Guidelines” are now the Medical Fee Standards.”  

Please forward any questions or comments to:  

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

Pursuant to Section 34A-2-407(9):

A. The Labor Commission of Utah:

1. Establishes and regulates fees and other charges for medical provider services as required for the treatment of a work-related injury or illness.

   a. The non-facility total unit value will apply in calculating the reimbursement, except that procedures provided in a facility setting shall be reimbursed at the facility total unit value and the facility may bill a separate facility charge.
   b. The CPT coding guidelines and 201[4]2 First Quarter RBRVS, 1761 1st Quarter Edition, are subject to the Utah Labor Commission’s Medical Fee Guidelines and the following Labor Commission conversion factors for medical care rendered for a work-related injury or illness, effective December 1, 201[1]2: (Conversion Rates below EFFECTIVE December 1, 201[4]2, to be used with the RBRVS procedural Unit value as per specialty.)
      - Anesthesiology $4[0]1.00 (1 unit per 15 minutes of anesthesia);
      - Medicine, E and M $4[4]6.00;
      - Evaluation and Management codes 99201 - 99204 and 99211 - 99214 $4[4]6.00;
      - Pathology and Laboratory $5[0]2.00;
      - Radiology $5[1]3.00;
      - Restorative Services $4[4]6.00;
      - Surgery $3[6]7.00;
      - All 20000 codes, codes 49505 thru 49525 and all 60000 codes of the CPT-4 coding guidelines $5[6]8.00.

3. Adopts and incorporates by this reference the Utah Labor Commission's 201[2]3 Medical Fee Guidelines, effective December 1, 201[4]2. The Utah Medical Fee Guidelines can be obtained from the division for a fee sufficient to recover costs of development, printing, and mailing or can be downloaded at the Labor Commission's website at http://laborcommission.utah.gov/Provider%20Page.html#WorkersCompensation.

4. Decides appropriate billing procedure codes when disputes arise between the medical practitioner and the employer or its insurance carrier. In no instance will the medical practitioner bill both the employer and the insurance carrier.

B. Employees cannot be billed for treatment of their work-related injuries or illnesses.

C. Discounting from the fees established by the Labor Commission is allowed only through specific contracts between a medical provider and a payor for treatment of work-related injury or illness.

D. Restocking fee 15%. Rule R612-2-16 covers the restocking fee.
E. Dental fees are not published. Rule R612-2-18 covers dental injuries.  
F. Ambulance fees are not published. Rule R612-2-19 covers ambulance charges.  
G. For procedures not covered by other provisions of this rule, medical providers have three options.  
   1. Medical providers may request preauthorization for a procedure from the insurance carrier.  
   2. Medical providers may present evidence to Medical Fee Committee for incorporating a procedure into the Commission's fee schedule. However, such incorporation will have prospective effect only.  
   3. Medical providers may apply for hearing before the Commission's Adjudication Division pursuant to Subsection 34A-2-801(1)(c) to establish a reasonable fee for the procedure.