

Workers' Comp Regulatory Activity

September 15, 2019 – November 1, 2019

ARIZONA

Reg ID: AZ52174

Issues: Workers' Compensation Pharmacy Fee Schedule

Summaries: The Commission adopted amendments to the Arizona Physicians' and Pharmaceutical Fee Schedule. The amendments include the adoption of updates to the relative value units and reimbursement values; the adoption of four HCPCS Level II G Codes for definitive drug tests; the continued designation of Medi-Span as the publication for the purpose of determining average wholesale price; the adoption of deletions, additions, general guidelines, and identifiers of the CPT-4; and the adoption of revisions to the pharmaceutical fee schedule guidelines.

What Just Happened: The Commission published a notice of exempt rulemaking in the Arizona Administrative Register, adopting the 2019/2020 Fee Schedule. The fee schedule is effective 10/1/2019 to 9/30/2020.

Links:

- [Notice of Exempt Rulemaking \(p. 2624\)](#)
- [Final Fee Schedule](#)
- [Proposed Fee Schedule Tables](#)
- [Proposed Fee Schedule Changes](#)
- [Notice of Proposed Fee Schedule](#)

CALIFORNIA

Reg ID: CA52434

Issues: Workers' Compensation Utilization Review

Summaries: The Division adopted amendments to the rules addressing evidence-based updates to the Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule (MTUS). The adopted evidence-based updates to the MTUS incorporate by reference the most recent American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine's (ACOEM) Hip and Groin Disorders Guideline into the Clinical Topics section of the MTUS.

What Just Happened: The Department released notice of the final order adopting the updates. The updates are effective 10/7/2019.

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Links:

- [Final Order Notice](#)
- [Proposed Text](#)
- [Public Hearing 8/26/2019](#)

COLORADO**Reg ID:** CO52437**Issues:** Workers' Compensation Provider Fee Schedule

Summaries: The Department adopted amendments to the rules governing utilization standards and the medical fee schedule for 2020. The Department reviews the fee schedule every year. Amendments to the fee schedule include: (1) introduction; (2) incorporations by reference; (3) general policies, including the fee schedule being based on RBRVS; (4) professional fees and services; (5) facility fees; (6) division established codes and values; (7) quality initiatives; (8) indigence standards; and (9) the exhibits associated with the fee schedule.

What Just Happened: The final rule was filed with the Secretary of State.

Links:

- [Notice of the Final Rule](#)
- [Rulemaking website](#)
- [Proposed rule](#)
- [Notice of proposed rule](#)
- [Proposed rule seminars](#)
- [Rule 18 draft exhibits medical fee schedule exhibits](#)
- [Rule 16 draft rule utilization standards](#)
- [Rule 18 draft rule medical fee schedule](#)
- [Notice of public hearing](#)