Workers' Comp

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NATIONAL

The **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services** has updated its Physician and DMEPOS fee schedules as well as its Hospital Outpatient PPS Quarterly Restated Payment Rates. The changes went into effect April 1.

CALIFORNIA

The **Department of Industrial Relations** has adjusted the following fee schedules, which went into effect April 1:

- Physician and Non-Physician Practitioner Services to conform to Medicare changes
- DMEPOS Fee Schedule
- Hospital Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgical Centers Fee Schedules

CONNECTICUT

The **Workers' Compensation Commission** has updated its Official Fee Schedule for Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgery Centers. The changes went into effect April 1.

GEORGIA

The **Board of Workers' Compensation** has made updates to the following guidelines and fee schedules which went into effect April 1:

- Ambulance and Air Services
- Non-Emergency Transportation
- Home Health Services
- Medical Records
- Pharmacy
- DMEPOS

KENTUCKY

The **Labor Cabinet** has updated its Hospital Cost-to-Charge ratios, effective April 1.

MONTANA

The **Department of Labor and Industry** has adopted a drug formulary, which took effect April 1.

NEW JERSEY

On Sept. 1, the state will mandate eBilling, requiring auto casualty payors to accept bills electronically.

NEW YORK

The **Workers' Compensation Board** has updated its Medical Fee Schedule. The changes became effective April 1.

The board has also posted a clarification of drug testing rules. **Ground Rule 12** identifies low/moderate/high risk test results and behavior and provides guidance to how frequently urine drug testing may be performed.

On April 1, the **New York Compensation Insurance Rating Board** (NYCIRB) began collecting New York medical transactional directly from its member insurers. The board also announced it will no longer use the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) as its medical data collection vendor.

NORTH DAKOTA

State officials have announced fee schedule adjustments for Ambulatory Payment Classification, Ambulatory Surgery Center, DME, Medical Provider and Outpatient Hospital services.

State officials have also announced that total knee arthroplasty procedures due to work injury will no longer need to be exclusively performed in an inpatient hospital setting. Approval can now be made in an outpatient hospital and ambulatory surgical center settings

OREGON

The **Workers' Compensation Division** (WCD) has posted changes to its Medical Fee Schedule for workers' comp and auto. WCD has also updated its Hospital Cost-to-Charge Ratios. Both changes took effect April 1.

PENNSYLVANIA

The **Department of Labor and Industry** has announced the Medical Fee Schedule Part A (Tables A-J) and Part B have been updated. The changes took effect April 1.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The Workers' Compensation Commission has updated its Medical Service Provider Manual. The changes became effective April 1.

VIRGINIA

The **Workers' Compensation Commission** has adopted electronic billing with a mandatory implementation date of July 1.

WASHINGTON

The **Department of Labor and Industries** has announced the Outpatient Drug Formulary and Selected Preferred Drug List have been updated and became effective April 1.



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