Workers' Comp

StateWatch: Bill Review October 2017

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National

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) has posted updates to several fee schedules and files that come into effect Oct. 1.

- ASP Drug Pricing File
- DMEPOS Fee Schedule
- HCPCS-C Codes
- Inpatient Rehabilitation Prospective Payment System (PPS)
- Outpatient Hospital Prospective Payment System (PPS) Addendum A and B (
- Physician Fee Schedule
- Provider Specific Files (PSF)
- Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) correction
- Zip Code to Carrier Locality File

Statewide

ALABAMA

Addendum 3 memorandum and revisions for Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASC) and hospital rates have been posted by the state **Department of Labor.** The rules are effective as of Oct. 1.

ARIZONA

The data files and guidelines for the Physician and Pharmaceutical Fee Schedule have been updated and posted by the **Industrial Commission** and went into effect. Oct. 1.

CALIFORNIA

The Physician Fee Schedule and the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies Fee Schedule have been updated by the **Department of Industrial Resources** to comply to the Medicare payment system. The schedules went into effect Oct. 1.

Also, Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASC) quarterly updates were recently posted by the **Division of Workers' Compensation**. The adjustments to the fee schedule is effective Oct. 1.

Fraud Watch

California recently suspended eight additional providers treating patients in the workers' compensation system due to fraud.

MAINE

The **Workers' Compensation Board** has updated its Medical and Inpatient Facility fee schedules. The schedules became effective for discharges on or after Oct. 1.

MASSACHUSETTS

Updated rates for the 101 CMR 206.00 Standard Payments to Nursing Facilities have been posted by the state's **Health and Human Services** and are effective as of Oct. 1. The state also has also proposed changes for the 101 CMR 204.00 Rates of Payments to Residential Care Facilities and the 101 CMR 304.00 for Community Health Centers.

MINNESOTA

The **Department of Labor and Industry** has updated fee schedule conversion factors along with IME fee adjustments for hospital DRG payments are effective for discharge dates of Oct. 1 and after.

WATCHLIST: **Senate Filing 1293** has been introduced. It proposes changes to how inpatient hospital services will be repriced.

MONTANA

The **Department of Labor and Industry** has updated its domiciliary care rates for 24-hour patient home health services. The rates went into effect Oct. 1. Also, lodging rates to reimburse injured workers for travel expenses has been updated and is effective Oct. 1.

NEW YORK

The **Workers' Compensation Board** has issued the following notices regarding health care providers authorized or approved for treating injured workers:

- Subject No.046-988 Newly Authorized Health Care Providers Approved to Render Services to Injured Workers Under the Workers' Compensation Law.
- Subject No. 046-989 Changes to the List of Health Care Providers Authorized to Render Services to Injured Workers Under the Workers' Compensation Law.

NORTH CAROLINA

Rule 04 NCAC 10J .0103 regarding fees for institutional services has been approved for permanent adoption.

NORTH DAKOTA

Data files for Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASC), Medical Provider Fee Schedule, Outpatient Hospital and Physician Drugs were updated and became effective Oct. 1.

OREGON

The **Workers Compensation Division** has posted permanent rules for OAR 436-010 Medical Services, OAR 436-030 Claims Closure and Reconsideration and OAR 436-035 Disability Rating Standards. The changes went into effect Oct. 8.

PENNSYLVANIA

The **Department of Labor and Industry's** quarterly update for Part A (Tables A-J) and Part B Medical Providers has been released with an effective date of Oct. 1.

WASHINGTON

The **Department of Labor and Industries** has announced that effective Oct. 1 Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT) for home use is covered only for treatment of a condition accepted on or related to a claim.



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