

**Advice received from Joe Martinez, Concentra, 10/19/2015:**

\* \* \* The last two years the Division has kept provider fees budget neutral. The costs of doing business increase every year. In addition as Primary Treating Providers we assume risk when we see patients and then the claims get denied or litigated. We take large amounts of bad debt. We respectfully request that the Division consider a 3% increase that is based on Medicare Economic Index-MEI. This we feel will allow us to continue to operate and remain competitive in this arena of medical care.

**Advice received from Steve Detert, Allstate Insurance Company, 9/10/2015:**

I want to discuss the OR fee schedule as to some specific issues impacting insurance rates in OR:

- \$ allowed for 97124 massage therapy CPT code in Oregon vs. market rates
- application of fee schedule on particular physical medical codes that are performed by various providers with different licenses
- Chiropractic assistant vs. chiropractor vs. physical therapist all billing at same / maximum rates for same CPT code services despite vastly difference skill and training in particular areas of practice.

**Advice received from Allison Morfitt, SAIF Corporation, 10/29/2015:**

These are the topics SAIF would like to bring forward for discussion:

- We would like to request additional Oregon Specific Codes. There are some services provided through MCO and IME contracts that are paid at specific contracted rates. It facilitates payments to providers if these services can be identified and paid using unique codes. Often there are no CPT/HCPCS that adequately describe the service.
- We would like to discuss alternatives to the current payment methodology for Oregon hospitals that are excluded from the cost to charge ratio.