



MEMORANDUM

Workers' Compensation Division

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To: Fred Bruyns, Rules Coordinator
From: Juerg Kunz, Medical Policy Analyst
Subject: Fee schedule for anesthesia services

The workers' compensation division (WCD) is proposing to raise the maximum allowable payment amounts for physician services, including anesthesia services, by an average of two percent, excluding amounts for office visits, which WCD proposes to increase by ten percent. The maximum allowable payment amounts for most physician services can be found in the physician fee schedule table (Appendix B). However, the maximum allowable payment amounts for anesthesia services are not listed in Appendix B. Rather, the maximum allowable payment amounts for anesthesia codes are determined by multiplying the anesthesia value by the conversion factor listed in OAR 436-009-0040(2)(f).

WCD inadvertently did not make a change to the anesthesia conversion factor, hence the rules as proposed do not afford a two percent increase in the maximum allowable payment amounts for anesthesia services.

WCD intends to correct this error by increasing the anesthesia conversion factor listed in OAR 436-009-0040(2)(f) from \$59.74 to \$60.93 when filing notice of the permanent OAR 436-009 with the secretary of state.

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