

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF THE 2022  
HEALTH CARE PROVIDER FEE SCHEDULE**

**FEE SCHEDULE ORDER**

THIS ORDER is issued pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 52-5-4(A) (1990), and 11.4.7.9 (A) (l) NMAC. It is intended to further the purpose of 11 NMAC, Part 7, to establish a system of maximum allowable fees and reimbursements for health care services and related non-clinical services provided by all health care providers, to establish billing dispute procedures, and to establish the procedures for cost containment:

1. The proposed Health Care Provider Fee Schedule (HCPFS) was released to the Director's Medical Advisory Committee (DMAC) for inspection on September 13, 2021.

2. DMAC meeting to discuss the HCPFS was on September 23, 2021.

3. The HCPFS was made available on the WCA Website on October 4, 2021.

4. Written public comment was accepted from October 4, 2021 to November 5, 2021 with a public hearing conducted on October 13, 2021.

5. The following methods were used to determine the maximum allowable amounts for the 2022 New Mexico Workers' Compensation HCPFS:

- Obtain most recent American Medical Association (AMA) CPT® Edition: CPT 2021;
- Collect appropriate fee schedules from regional seven states: Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Nevada, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah;
- If less than four states data available for any CPT code, set rate to BR;
- Determine if CPT 2020 starting point is below the regional 60<sup>th</sup> percentile,

above the regional 80<sup>th</sup> percentile, or in the regional "sweet spot," i.e., between 60<sup>th</sup> and 80<sup>th</sup> percentile.

- Adjust downward 2021 NM WCA fees above the regional 80<sup>th</sup> to the regional 80<sup>th</sup> amount;
- Adjust upward 2021 NM WCA fees below the regional 60<sup>th</sup> to the regional 60<sup>th</sup> amount;
- If 2021 rates are in the regional "sweet spot," no change is proposed in the 2022 HCPFS.

6. The following methods were used to determine the 2022 Hospital Assigned Ratio:

- Use data collected from HCFA/CMS G-2 worksheet to calculate all cost-to-charge ratios  $= (\text{Total Operating Expenditures} / \text{Total Patient Charges})$ ;
- Calculate medians for all (Expenditure/Revenue (Charge)) ratios; then
- If a ratio is lower than median, set at median;
- If a ratio is equal to or greater than the median but lower than 0.75, keep;
- If a ratio is greater than 0.75, set at 0.75;
- If new hospital, assign 0.67;
- Established hospitals that do not submit a G-2 shall be assigned the minimum adjusted ratio of 0.41;
- The hospital ratio shall be applied to all charges for compensable services provided during a hospital inpatient stay, hospital outpatient surgery or an emergency department visit with the exception of the following:
  - Implants, Hardware & Instrumentation; and
  - Radiology, Pathology & Laboratory

7. The Health Care Provider Fee Schedule appended to this Order and incorporated herein is adopted on December 10, 2021, with an effective date of January 1, 2022.

8. The following are specifically adopted pursuant to 11.4.7.9 NMAC and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein: Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code, as defined in 11.4.7.7(M) NMAC, which is derived from the CPT 2021, Professional Edition, Copyright 2020 by the American Medical Association (AMA) (hereinafter, "CPT 2021"). CPT 2021 is a listing of descriptive terms, numeric and alphanumeric identifying codes and modifiers for reporting medical services and procedures performed by physicians, which is copyrighted by the AMA.

9. This Order in no way alters, or intends to alter, any of the Rules of the WCA already in place. To the extent that there is a conflict between the rules, the more specific shall apply.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert E. Doucette Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

ROBERT E. DOUCETTE, JR., Director  
New Mexico Workers' Compensation Administration

**Issued: December 10, 2021**