

The Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission (VWCC) Medical Fee Schedule Regulatory Advisory Panel held its second meeting on July 13. VWCC Chairman Wesley Marshall and staff updated the Advisory Panel members on the procurement process to select a vendor to construct a unique fee schedule for health care services provided to injured workers covered by Virginia's workers compensation laws. The Advisory Panel members, representing various stakeholder constituencies, will review the vendor responses and make a recommendation to the Commission.

During the procurement process, the meetings of the Advisory Panel will be closed to the public to protect proprietary information provided by the candidate firms. After the award, any meetings will be open to the public. The Commissioners are expected to meet on August 18 in Richmond to award the contract to a vendor.

The selected vendor, which will be an entity with actuarial expertise and experience with medical fee schedules, will work through the fall and winter to construct a fee schedule. That fee schedule will be promulgated as regulations in 2017 for public scrutiny and input. The fee schedule is to be implemented on January 1, 2018.

For information about the law, visit this link:

<https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?161+sum+HB378>

For information about the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, visit this link:

<http://vwc.state.va.us/>

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