

## **Virginia Work Comp Commission Adopts Proposed Fee Schedules Public Comment Period Begins Immediately**

The Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission (VWC) met on Monday April 10, 2017 and adopted proposed medical fee schedules (MFS) and a related ground rules document. A thirty-day public comment period begins April 10 to receive questions and proposed changes from stakeholders. Instructions for comments and all materials will be posted on the VWC website <http://www.vwc.state.va.us/content/medical-fee-schedule-special-notice>. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday May 23, 2017 at 8:30 AM at Commission offices 1000 DMV Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23220.

The fee schedules were created pursuant to Virginia law adopted in 2016 requiring the VWC to implement schedules for the reimbursement of medical services to injured workers subject to the Virginia Workers Compensation Act. The schedules will have maximum fees, in absence of a contract, for the reimbursement of categories of health care providers in six regions of the Commonwealth. The schedules were designed by an actuarial team and stakeholder advisory panel using workers' compensation paid reimbursement data collected from insurers, third-party administrators, and providers. The law instructs VWC to create a unique Virginia-based fee schedule that reflects actual average historical reimbursements from 2014-15 as the baseline. The schedules will be implemented in January 2018.

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