



VIRGINIA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Medical Fee Schedule Project Update

Purpose:

HB378 Workers' compensation; fee schedules for medical services directs the Workers' Compensation Commission to adopt regulations establishing fee schedules setting the maximum pecuniary liability of the employer for medical services provided to an injured person pursuant to the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act, in the absence of a contract under which the provider has agreed to accept a specified amount for the medical service. The regulations implementing the fee schedules shall become effective on January 1, 2018.

Timeline:

Here is the project plan timeline to meet all requirements. All meetings noted will be held at the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission's Headquarters located at 1000 DMV Drive, Richmond, Va. 23220

September 1, 2016 3-5pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project Kick-off.• Discussion of data sources.
September 15, 2016 2-5pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project considerations, discussion of data sources, fee schedule design.
October 11, 2016 2-5pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical Fee Schedule Regulatory Advisory Panel/Oliver Wyman/ Commission Meeting on research findings, principles of fee schedules, initial data review and design considerations
November 10, 2016 3-5pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical Fee Schedule Regulatory Advisory Panel/Oliver Wyman/ Commission Meeting to review preliminary draft Inpatient Fee Schedules with application of design considerations.
November 16, 2016 9-11 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical Fee Schedule Regulatory Advisory Panel/Oliver Wyman/ Commission Meeting to continue review of preliminary draft Inpatient Fee Schedules with application of design considerations.
November 22, 2016 1-3 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical Fee Schedule Regulatory Advisory Panel/Oliver Wyman/ Commission Meeting to continue review of preliminary draft Fee Schedules with application of design considerations.
December 1, 2016 1-3 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical Fee Schedule Regulatory Advisory Panel/Oliver Wyman/ Commission Meeting to review Initial Draft of all Fee Schedules with supporting impact analyses.

December 13, 2016 9-12 (noon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Fee Schedule Regulatory Advisory Panel/Oliver Wyman/ Commission Meeting for review of preliminary Draft Fee Schedules and to discuss formatting and release of schedules for Stakeholder feedback.
January 4, 2017 10-12 (noon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Fee Schedule Regulatory Advisory Panel/Oliver Wyman/ Commission Meeting for review of Final Draft Fee Schedules and approval of release to Stakeholders for test/analysis/feedback of Final Draft Fee Schedules.
January 19, 2017 – February 15, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholders test/analyze/provide feedback on Final Draft Fee Schedules.
February 15, 2017 – March 8, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oliver Wyman reviews Stakeholder tests/analysis/feedback, prepares a summary and develops proposed revisions to the Fee Schedules as a result of Stakeholder Feedback for Advisory Panel review.
March 9, 2017 9-12 (noon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Fee Schedule Regulatory Advisory Panel/Oliver Wyman/ Commission Meeting to review summary of Stakeholder feedback received and proposed revisions to the Fee Schedules as a result of Stakeholder feedback.
March 23, 2017 9-12 (noon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Fee Schedule Regulatory Advisory Panel/Oliver Wyman/ Commission Meeting for review of Final Fee Schedules, discuss implementation and maintenance requirements.
April 10, 2017 10 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission meets to review and approve Medical Fee Schedules. • Medical Fee Schedule, as preliminary approved by the Commission, posted on the Commission’s website for public viewing and comment.
April 10 - May 10, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public review of the medical fee schedule and comment period via the Commission’s website.
May 13 – May 22, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Fee Schedule Regulatory Advisory Panel/Oliver Wyman/ Commission review summary of public comments and determine if further changes will be made to the regulations, ground rules or schedules.
May 23, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Hearing will be held at the Virginia Workers’ Compensation Commission, 1000 DMV Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23220, Courtroom A at 8:30a.m. • Medical Fee Schedule Regulatory Advisory Panel/Oliver Wyman/ Commission review public hearing comments and determine if further changes will be made to the regulations, ground rules or schedules.
June 13, 2017 10 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission meets to review Medical Fee Schedules, ground rules, dispute resolution process and supporting documents for final approval.

June 16, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved Medical Fee Schedules and ground rules posted on the Commission's website for public viewing.
June 19 – July 19, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary approved Medical Fee Schedule Dispute Resolution Process posted on Commission's website for public comment.
August 28, 2017 1:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission meets to review Medical Fee Schedule Dispute Resolution Process and supporting documents for final approval.
September 27, 2017 9-12 (noon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Fee Schedule Regulatory Advisory Panel and Commission meet to review medical fee schedule exclusions and remaining statutory requirements.
October 27 – November 27, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Medical Fee Schedule Regulations posted on Commission's website for public comment.
October 30, 2017 9-12 (noon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Fee Schedule Regulatory Advisory Panel and Commission meet to review medical fee schedule exclusions and remaining statutory requirements.
November 14, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Fee Schedule update posted.
November 28, 2017 1:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Fee Schedule Regulatory Advisory Panel and Commission meet to review medical fee schedule exclusions and remaining statutory Requirements at VHHA, Washington Conference Room, 4200 Innslake Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23060.
January 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Fee Schedules are implemented.