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Memorandum

DATE: August 8, 2016

TO: Associations and Other Interested Parties

FROM: John Ysebaert, Administrator, DWS Office of Standards and Compliance, Wyoming Workers' Compensation Division

SUBJECT: Adoption of the Wyoming Workers' Compensation Rules and Regulations Chapter 9 Fee Schedules – regular rules

The Department of Workforce Services, Workers' Compensation Division is proposing to change the following:

The Wyoming Workers' Compensation Fee Schedule in Chapter 9 has not been updated for seven (7) years. Fee Schedule allowable rates are lower than amounts commonly paid by other insurers both state wide and across the region. The Division proposes changes to the fee schedule to address insufficient conversion factors and/or allowable rates in ambulance, dental, eyeglass frames and lenses.

Another change to Chapter 9 is in Section 4, which adopts the reimbursement schedule for durable medical equipment, prosthesis, orthotics and supplies (DMEPOS). The current rules state the Division will automatically adopt Medicare's updated reimbursement rates. In November, 2015, Medicare updated the reimbursement schedule based on provider location and zip code. This would result in Wyoming providers receiving decreased reimbursements. The Division believes it necessary to deviate from Medicare's most recent reimbursement schedule and instead continue to use the current fee schedule posted on the Secretary of State's website, instead of automatically updating the fees pursuant to Medicare's new rates. This will allow the Division to continue to pay reasonable rates for these items.

The Rules may be accessed and downloaded from the Secretary of State's website:
<http://soswy.state.wy.us/Rules/default.aspx>

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