

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND FEE SCHEDULE OF THE WYOMING WORKERS' COMPENSATION DIVISION

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Wyoming Workers' Compensation Division is proposing changes that will affect the Division's rules, regulations and fee schedule. These proposals include modifications to the *Wyoming Workers' Compensation Rules, Regulations and Fee Schedules*;

The Department proposes the following changes to **Chapter 9 – Fee Schedules**:

Section 2 – Fee Schedules – This change includes incorporation by reference language to adopt the 1/1/17 edition of Optum 360 (formerly known as the Relative Values for Physicians (RVP) and the Relative Values for Dentists (RVD) fee schedules by 7/1/17.

Section 4 – This update changes the date of when the Division adopts Medicare's annual reimbursement rates. It will no longer be an automatic update each year. Medicare's latest change was in November, 2015. The Medicare update lowered reimbursement rates, especially in rural areas.

Section 5 – This update includes details on what is needed for reimbursement for frames and lenses.

Section 6 – This update clarifies what is needed for reimbursement on repackaged pharmaceuticals.

Section 7 – This update clarifies what the division will reimburse for compound medications.

Section 8 – This update increases the reimbursement rates for ambulance services.

Section 9 – This update deletes the maximum number of procedure codes per surgical episode.

Table A & Table B – This update increases or adjusts the reimbursement rates for injections, rhizotomies, IV sedation and surgery centers.

Other changes include clarification on definitions, minor formatting and reduction of rules.

Written comments should be submitted to the following address by **October 26, 2017**.

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A public comment period will end at close of business on **October 26, 2017**.

Copies may be obtained by submitting a written request to the Division, with pre-payment by personal check or money order for the total number of copies requested; the fee for each copy is \$4.00. The proposed rules may be downloaded, free of charge, from the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) at:

<http://www.wyomingworkforce.org/news/publicnotices/>