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Workers' Compensation Commission

ADVISORY NOTICE

Medical Services Provider Manual Updates

March 23, 2022

At the Business Meeting on March 21, 2022 the SC Workers' Compensation Commission approved changes to the Medical Services Provider Manual (MSPM) for 2022. New text is underlined and deleted text is marked with a ~~strikethrough~~.

The Commission approved the Conversion Factor of \$51.50 for the 2022 MSPM.

The changes will be effective April 1, 2022.

To purchase a copy of the 2022 MSPM go to the following link on the Commission's website: [Medical Fee Schedules | Workers' Compensation Commission](#)

1. Part II: Fee Schedule

Telemedicine (reference page 32, 2021 MSPM) –

Telemedicine

~~The South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission will determine the expiration date of this policy, which will be aligned with the suspension of the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency.~~

~~If the pandemic emergency is lifted prior to March 31, 2022, telemedicine services may be provided with pre-authorization through March 31, 2022.~~

2. Section 1. Evaluation and Management (E/M) Services

Footnote in "Levels of E/M Services¹" (reference page 35, 2021 MSPM) –

¹ Adapted from CPT 2022, pp 6-12

3. Section 6. Medicine and Injections

Over the Counter Preparations (reference page 456, 2021 MSPM) –

OVER-THE-COUNTER PREPARATIONS

Physician dispensed ~~Over-the-counter~~ preparations dispensed by ~~the provider~~ a healthcare practitioner from the office must be preauthorized prior to dispensing. With the exception of non-prescription strength patches, CPT code 99070 must be used to bill for over-the-counter (proprietary) preparations. The name of the preparation, dosage, and package size must be listed either on the claim form or in the attached office report. The charge must not exceed actual cost plus an additional 20 percent. Payment will not be made for nutrient preparations and other dietary supplements.

Non-prescription strength patches shall be reimbursed at the lesser of actual cost plus 20% or \$70.00 for a 30-day supply, pro-rated based on the number of days dispensed.

4. Section 8. Special Reports and Services

Medical Testimony by Deposition (reference pages 528 – 529, 2021 MSPM)

		MAP NON FAC	MAP FAC
SC004	Testimony by deposition, physician, first hour	600.00	600.00
SC005	Testimony by deposition, physician, each additional <u>quarter hour first hour</u>	150.00	150.00

5. Section 10. Pharmacy

Prescription Strength Topical Compounds (reference page 740, 2021 MSPM) –

PRESCRIPTION TOPICAL MEDICATIONS

1. Payment for prescription topical medications shall be \$240.00 for a 30-day supply, pro-rated based on the number of days supply dispensed, not to exceed 90 days, plus a single dispensing fee of \$5.00.
2. Physicians are urged to prescribe therapeutically equivalent medications or over-the-counter medications when available in lieu of a prescription-strength topical medication.

PRESCRIPTION TOPICAL COMPOUND MEDICATIONS

Compound drugs must be preauthorized for each dispensing. In order to qualify as a compound under this section, the medication must require a prescription; the ingredients must be combined, mixed, or altered by a licensed pharmacist or a pharmacy technician being overseen by a licensed pharmacist, a licensed physician, or, in the case of an outsourcing facility, a person under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist; and it must create a medication tailored to the needs of an individual patient. All ingredient materials must be listed by quantity used per prescription. Continued use (refills) may require documentation of effectiveness including functional improvement. Fees include materials, shipping and handling, and time. Automatic refilling is not allowed.

1. Payment for prescription topical compound medications, shall be the lesser of:
 - a. The sum of the average wholesale price by gram weight for each ingredient based on the original manufacturer's NDC Number for the ingredient; or
 - b. \$240.00 for a 30-day supply, pro-rated based on the number of days supply dispensed, not to exceed 90 days;
Plus a single dispensing fee of \$5.00.

2. Any component ingredient in a compound medication for which there is no NDC or that is not FDA approved for topical use, shall not be reimbursed.
3. Physicians are urged to prescribe therapeutically equivalent medications or over-the-counter medications when available in lieu of a prescription-strength topical compound.