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Fee Schedule Update for Anesthesia

Effective April 1, 2006, the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission (AWCC) has made an adjustment to the anesthesia rate in the Medical Fee Schedule.

From April 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007, the conversion factor will increase 11% for anesthesia fees; and, on April 1, 2007, the conversion factor will increase another 11%.

The Medical Fee Schedule will be updated to reflect these adjustments in:

Part II. General Information and Instructions for Use

D. Conversion Factors...

Anesthesia.....\$37.62

and:

Part III. Guidelines

B. Anesthesia

5. Reimbursement

The conversion factor...is \$37.62

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e. Multiply TAV by...\$37.62

Through March 31, 2006, the conversion factor for anesthesia was \$33.89. Multiplied by 11%, the conversion factor for **April 1, 2006-March 31, 2007** = \$33.89 + \$3.73 or **\$37.62**.

Effective **April 1, 2007**, $\$37.62 \times 11\% = \$4.14 + \$37.62$ or **\$41.76**.

Fee Schedule questions may be answered by the AWCC Medical Cost Containment Division. Inquiries about this advisory may be directed to the AWCC Information Officer in the Support Services Division. The telephone numbers for both are 501-682-3930 or 800-622-4472.