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Workers' Compensation-Pennsylvania

Overview

Workers' Compensation provides insurance to employers to provide benefits and care to employees injured on the job and benefits to families of those killed on the job. Like Medicaid, Workers' Compensation, also known as industrial insurance, is administered by each state and, likewise, each state determines its own rules regarding PA reimbursement and scope of practice.

State Specific Information

PAs are covered for medical services they provide to Workers' Compensation patients in Pennsylvania. Although PAs are not credentialed by Workers' Compensation, (nor are physicians) practices should submit claims for PAs' professional services with the group's tax ID number, or otherwise in accordance with the policy of the insuring company. Medical services provided by PAs are reimbursed at 85 percent of the physician fee schedule. Encounter notes are sent with the claim.

PAs may provide virtually any Workers' Compensation service within a PA's scope of practice as defined by Pennsylvania State Law, including first assisting at surgery. First assisting at surgery is reimbursed at 13.6 % of the primary surgeon's fee. Use the "AS" modifier for assisting at surgery.

Supervision requirements for PA's follow Pennsylvania State law. The PA may see Workers' Compensation patients on their initial visits to the practice. No special restrictions are in place on hospital-employed PAs.

Where Can I Find Information About How PAs Are Reimbursed by Workers' Compensation in Pennsylvania?

Historical information compiled by the AAPA about Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Program located [here](#). However, the practice must ascertain payment policies from the individual insuring company. The phone # for Worker's Compensation Bureau is (717) 783-5421.

For assistance understanding Workers' Compensation policies, you may also contact the AAPA's reimbursement staff at 703/836-2272.

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