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Workers Compensation (Medical Services) Fees Order 2024

Workers Compensation and Injury Management Act 2023

In accordance with section 73 of the *Workers Compensation and Injury Management Act 2023*, and on the recommendation of WorkCover WA, I hereby make the *Workers Compensation (Medical Services) Fees Order 2024*.

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HON SIMONE MCGURK MLA
MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

Date: 27 March 2024

1. Citation

This Order is the *Workers Compensation (Medical Services) Fees Order 2024*.

2. General

This Order fixes the maximum amount of compensation payable for a medical expense, incurred or to be incurred, for a medical service as a result of a worker's injury from employment under the *Workers Compensation and Injury Management Act 2023*.

This Order fixes the maximum amount by reference to:

1. The specified fee for a medical expense for a medical service as set out in the AMA Fees List, except where otherwise specified in this Order.
2. The specified fee for a medical expense for a medical service relating to the provision of a workers compensation ancillary service by a medical practitioner or medical specialist as set out in this Order.
3. The specified fee for a medical expense for a medical service relating to the provision of a diagnostic imaging service as set out in this Order.

3. Commencement

This Order commences on 1 July 2024.

4. Application of Order

This Order applies to a medical service provided on or after 1 July 2024, whether or not it relates to an injury from employment suffered before, on, or after that date.

5. Definitions

In this Order:

Act means the *Workers Compensation and Injury Management Act 2023*.

AMA Fees List means the document entitled *List of Medical Services and Fees* published by the Australian Medical Association on the AMA website, as amended or replaced from time to time, that is the current edition at the date of service delivery.

Approved workplace rehabilitation provider means a workplace rehabilitation provider granted approval under section 173(1) of the Act.

Certificate of capacity means a certificate issued in accordance with section 169 of the Act.

GST has the meaning given in *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* of the Commonwealth.

Health professional means -

- a) a person registered under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Western Australia)* to practice a health profession (other than as a student); or
- b) a person who is not resident in a State but who is recognised as a health professional for the purposes of the Act by WorkCover WA.

Insurer means an insurer or a self-insurer licensed under the *Workers Compensation and Injury Management Act 2023*.

MBS item number means the item number corresponding to a service described in the Medicare Benefits Schedule published by the Commonwealth, as amended or replaced from time to time, that is the current edition at the date of service delivery.

Medical practitioner means -

- a) a person registered under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Western Australia)* in the medical profession; or
- b) a person who is not resident in a State but who is recognised as a medical practitioner for the purposes of the Act by WorkCover WA.

Medical specialist means -

- a) a medical practitioner whose name is contained in a register of specialists kept by the Medical Board of Australia under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Western Australia)* section 223; or
- a) a medical practitioner who is not resident in a State but who is recognised as a medical specialist for the purposes of the Act by WorkCover WA.

Return to work case conference means a return to work case conference convened under section 165 of the Act.

Return to work program means a return to work program established under section 160(2) of the Act.

Treating medical practitioner means the medical practitioner who is the worker's treating medical practitioner under section 170 of the Act.

6. Effect of GST

An amount fixed by this Order is exclusive of any GST that may be imposed due to the nature of the provision of the service or the service provider.

If GST is payable on a service listed in this Order, the fee for the service is the applicable fee increased by 10%.

An injured worker's entitlement to medical expenses compensation is to be calculated using the net cost of the medical service, without deducting any GST component.

7. Requirement for invoices

Invoices for medical services must include service codes and fees relevant to the service or services provided.

8. Medical service fees – AMA Fees List

The maximum fee or charge payable for a medical expense for a medical service is the amount specified in the AMA Fees List, except for services covered in items 9 and 10 of this order.

For the purposes of section 73(3)(d) of the Act, the conditions that apply to the charging for the provision of a medical service as set out in the AMA Fees List are:

1. To bill for an AMA item, a medical practitioner must have fulfilled the service requirements as specified in the item descriptor in the AMA Fees List.
2. Medical specialists must utilise AMA item numbers relevant to the type of consultation/service provided. Where a comprehensive item is used, separate items must not be claimed for any of the individual items included in the comprehensive service (e.g. a dually qualified pain medicine specialist/anaesthetist cannot bill time based anaesthetic item numbers where pain medicine consultations/services apply).
3. In relation to surgical procedures where only one service is rendered, only one item should be billed. Where more than one service is rendered on one occasion of service, the appropriate item for each discrete service may be billed, provided that each item fully meets the item descriptor.
4. Where an operation comprises a combination of procedures, which are commonly performed together, and for which there is an AMA Fees List item that specifically describes the combination of procedures, then only that item should be billed. Where a comprehensive item is used, separate items must not be claimed for any of the individual items included in the comprehensive service. The invoice should cover the total episode of treatment.

5. The Multiple Operations Rule referred to in the AMA Fees List applies to surgical operations performed on a patient on the one occasion.

9. Medical service fees – workers compensation ancillary services

Schedule 1 sets out the maximum fee or charge payable for each expense relating to the provision of workers compensation ancillary services by medical practitioners and medical specialists.

10. Medical service fees – diagnostic imaging

Schedule 2 sets out the maximum fee or charge payable for each expense relating to the provision of the following diagnostic imaging services:

- Magnetic resonance imaging
- Ultrasound
- Computed tomography – examination and report
- Diagnostic radiology.

For diagnostic imaging service descriptors, refer to mbsonline.gov.au

Schedule 1 – Medical Service Fees: Workers Compensation Ancillary Services

CODE	SERVICE DESCRIPTION	FEE	
N/A	Certificate of capacity Issuing a certificate of capacity.	Medical Practitioner	To be charged and billed as part of a time-based or content based AMA Fees List consultation item.
WS001		Medical Specialist	\$48.65 per 6 mins
WG010	Return to work case conference Preparation for and attendance at a return to work case conference arranged by the worker's employer, the employer's insurer, the worker's treating medical practitioner or an approved workplace rehabilitation provider for the purpose of supporting the worker's recovery and enhancing opportunities for the worker's return to work.	Medical Practitioner	\$32.80 per 6 mins
WS010		Medical Specialist	\$48.65 per 6 mins
WG020	Medical report Any requested or required report other than a certificate of capacity that provides information about any or all of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the worker's diagnosis and present condition • any medical co-morbidities that are likely to impact on the management of the worker's condition • treatment/management services provided, and results obtained • recommendations for further treatment/management • progress, functional and objective improvements • likely treatment duration required • the worker's capacity for work. 	Medical Practitioner	\$32.80 per 6 mins
WS020		Medical Specialist	\$48.65 per 6 mins
WG030	Return to work program Activities associated with a worker's treating medical practitioner recommending a return to work program be established for the worker.	Medical Practitioner	\$32.80 per 6 mins
WS030		Medical Specialist	\$48.65 per 6 mins
WG040	Services additional to usual medical management Activities associated with time spent by the medical practitioner (in addition to usual medical management) relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discussions with a worker, an employer, insurer, approved workplace rehabilitation provider, medical practitioner, medical specialist, or other health professional about the treatment of an injured worker, a worker's capacity for work or strategies to overcome barriers to return to work. • visiting work sites • providing additional reports, documents or records that are requested or required by an insurer. 	Medical Practitioner	\$32.80 per 6 mins
WS040		Medical Specialist	\$48.65 per 6 mins

Schedule 2 – Medical Service Fees: Diagnostic Imaging Services

Ultrasound

MBS Item Number	Fee
55028	\$243.80
55029	\$84.55
55030	\$243.80
55031	\$84.55
55032	\$243.80
55033	\$84.55
55036	\$248.50
55037	\$84.55
55038	\$243.80
55039	\$84.55
55048	\$243.80
55049	\$84.55
55054	\$243.80
55070	\$219.45
55073	\$76.05
55076	\$243.80
55079	\$84.55
55084	\$219.45
55085	\$76.05
55118	\$615.35
55130	\$379.90
55135	\$789.90
55238	\$378.60
55244	\$378.60
55246	\$378.60
55248	\$378.60
55252	\$378.60
55274	\$378.60
55276	\$378.60
55278	\$378.60
55280	\$378.60
55282	\$378.60
55284	\$378.60
55292	\$378.60
55294	\$378.60
55296	\$248.10
55600	\$243.80
55603	\$243.80

MBS Item Number	Fee
55700	\$133.90
55703	\$78.25
55704	\$156.40
55705	\$78.25
55706	\$223.35
55707	\$156.40
55708	\$78.25
55709	\$84.90
55712	\$256.95
55715	\$89.40
55718	\$223.35
55721	\$256.95
55723	\$84.90
55725	\$89.40
55729	\$60.90
55736	\$283.60
55739	\$127.25
55759	\$335.15
55762	\$133.90
55764	\$357.40
55766	\$145.10
55768	\$335.15
55770	\$133.90
55772	\$357.40
55774	\$145.10
55812	\$243.80
55814	\$84.55
55844	\$195.10
55846	\$84.55
55848	\$243.80
55850	\$341.45
55852	\$243.80
55854	\$84.55

Nuclear Medicine Imaging

MBS Item Number	Fee
61310	\$670.30
61313	\$553.70
61314	\$766.45
61328	\$415.50
61340	\$461.75
61348	\$809.20
61353	\$705.45
61356	\$716.85
61360	\$736.20
61361	\$842.15
61364	\$907.05
61368	\$407.25
61369	\$3,678.75
61372	\$407.25
61373	\$893.70
61376	\$261.65
61381	\$1,048.15
61383	\$1,140.40
61384	\$1,255.05
61386	\$606.90
61387	\$786.20
61389	\$676.25
61390	\$748.25
61393	\$1,105.05
61397	\$450.45
61402	\$1,104.25
61409	\$1,594.30

MBS Item Number	Fee
61413	\$412.30
61421	\$875.65
61425	\$1,096.30
61426	\$1,012.50
61429	\$990.95
61430	\$1,203.55
61433	\$907.05
61434	\$1,123.10
61438	\$1,228.20
61441	\$893.70
61442	\$1,373.10
61445	\$523.35
61446	\$608.85
61449	\$832.50
61450	\$725.50
61453	\$939.35
61454	\$635.20
61457	\$858.55
61461	\$963.20
61462	\$237.80
61469	\$635.20
61473	\$320.05
61480	\$706.10
61485	\$1,823.60
61495	\$407.25
61499	\$461.75

Computed tomography – examination and report

MBS Item Number	Fee
56001	\$400.05
56007	\$512.90
56010	\$517.20
56013	\$512.90
56016	\$594.95
56022	\$461.65
56028	\$691.10
56030	\$461.65
56036	\$691.10
56101	\$472.05
56107	\$697.75
56219	\$669.35
56220	\$492.45
56221	\$492.45
56223	\$492.45
56224	\$720.95
56225	\$720.95
56226	\$720.95

MBS Item Number	Fee
56233	\$492.45
56234	\$720.95
56237	\$492.45
56238	\$720.95
56301	\$605.30
56307	\$820.50
56401	\$512.90
56407	\$738.55
56409	\$512.90
56412	\$738.55
56501	\$789.90
56507	\$984.75
56801	\$957.35
56807	\$1,149.05
57001	\$957.55
57007	\$1,164.85
57201	\$318.35
57341	\$964.35

Diagnostic Radiology

MBS Item Number	Fee
57506	\$70.40
57509	\$94.20
57512	\$96.00
57515	\$127.85
57518	\$76.85
57521	\$102.80
57524	\$117.10
57527	\$155.90
57700	\$96.00
57703	\$127.85
57706	\$76.85
57709	\$102.80
57712	\$111.75
57715	\$144.45
57721	\$235.15
57901	\$152.75
57902	\$152.75
57915	\$111.75
57918	\$111.75
57921	\$111.75
57924	\$111.75
57927	\$117.45
57930	\$78.00
57933	\$185.40
57939	\$152.75
57942	\$117.45
57945	\$102.80
57960	\$112.40
57963	\$112.40
57966	\$112.40
57969	\$112.40
58100	\$159.00
58103	\$130.55
58106	\$182.40
58108	\$314.80
58109	\$111.45

MBS Item Number	Fee
58112	\$230.45
58115	\$314.80
58300	\$95.05
58306	\$211.65
58500	\$83.75
58503	\$111.75
58506	\$144.20
58509	\$94.20
58521	\$102.80
58524	\$133.85
58527	\$164.35
58700	\$109.30
58706	\$374.05
58715	\$359.10
58718	\$299.00
58721	\$327.60
58900	\$84.55
58903	\$112.70
58909	\$213.00
58912	\$261.25
58915	\$187.00
58916	\$328.15
58921	\$320.50
58927	\$181.10
58933	\$487.20
58936	\$464.35
58939	\$330.00
59103	\$50.55
59300	\$212.10
59303	\$127.75
59312	\$206.15
59314	\$124.30
59318	\$111.50
59700	\$228.75
59703	\$179.95
59712	\$269.40

MBS Item Number	Fee
59715	\$340.15
59718	\$319.05
59724	\$536.65
59733	\$255.15
59739	\$175.00
59751	\$329.70
59754	\$519.70
59763	\$317.30
59970	\$398.85
60000	\$1,336.40
60003	\$1,959.90
60006	\$2,786.65
60009	\$3,261.15
60012	\$1,336.40
60015	\$1,959.90
60018	\$2,786.65
60021	\$3,261.15
60024	\$1,336.40
60027	\$1,959.90
60030	\$2,786.65
60033	\$3,261.15
60036	\$1,336.40

MBS Item Number	Fee
60039	\$1,959.90
60042	\$2,786.65
60045	\$3,261.15
60048	\$1,336.40
60051	\$1,959.90
60054	\$2,786.65
60057	\$3,261.15
60060	\$1,336.40
60063	\$1,959.90
60066	\$2,786.65
60069	\$3,261.15
60072	\$114.15
60075	\$227.75
60078	\$341.65
60500	\$102.80
60503	\$70.40
60506	\$151.20
60509	\$234.30
60918	\$111.75
60927	\$90.25
61109	\$613.45

Magnetic Resonance Imaging

MBS Item Number	Fee
63000-63200	\$1,188.45
63201	\$1,782.60
63204	\$1,782.60
63219-63243	\$1,782.60
63271-63473	\$1,188.45
63491-63494	\$135.90
63497	\$407.90