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## Exempt Action: Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)</b>	16 VAC30-110
<b>VAC Chapter title(s)</b>	Medical Fee Schedule Regulations
<b>Action title</b>	Biennial review of workers' compensation medical fee schedules
<b>Final agency action date</b>	June 29, 2021
<b>Date this document prepared</b>	August 23, 2021

Although a regulatory action may be exempt from executive branch review pursuant to § 2.2-4002 or § 2.2-4006 of the *Code of Virginia*, the agency is still encouraged to provide information to the public on the Regulatory Town Hall using this form. However, the agency may still be required to comply with the Virginia Register Act, Executive Order 14 (as amended, July 16, 2018), the Regulations for Filing and Publishing Agency Regulations (1VAC7-10), and the *Form and Style Requirements for the Virginia Register of Regulations and Virginia Administrative Code*.

### Brief Summary

*Provide a brief summary (preferably no more than 2 or 3 paragraphs) of this regulatory change (i.e., new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or repeal of an existing regulation). Alert the reader to all substantive matters. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.*

The purpose of the proposed action is to revise the medical fee schedule regulations to include the 2022 Medical Fee Schedules that will be applicable to medical services rendered in workers' compensation cases during the period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.

### Mandate and Impetus

*Identify the mandate for this regulatory change and any other impetus that specifically prompted its initiation (e.g., new or modified mandate, internal staff review, petition for rulemaking, periodic review, or board decision). "Mandate" is defined as "a directive from the General Assembly, the federal government, or a court that requires that a regulation be promulgated, amended, or repealed in whole or part."*

Subsection D of § 65.2-605 of the Code of Virginia requires the Commission to review and adjust the workers' compensation medical fee schedules biennially.

### Statement of Final Agency Action

*Provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including: 1) the date the action was taken; 2) the name of the agency taking the action; and 3) the title of the regulation.*

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On June 29, 2021, the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission adopted the 2022 Medical Fee Schedules and revised the Medical Fee Schedule Regulations to include them.