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Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission
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Regulation title(s)	Medical Fee Schedules
Action title	Medical Fee Schedules
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Brief summary

Please provide a brief summary of the proposed new regulation, proposed amendments to the existing regulation, or the regulation proposed to be repealed. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The Virginia Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Schedules are the schedules of maximum fees payable to providers for scheduled medical services rendered to injured workers on or after January 1, 2018, under the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act (the Act) in the absence of a contract for the payment of such services. The fee scheduled medical services include services provided by physicians, surgeons, hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, other healthcare service providers and suppliers. The goal of these regulations is to establish and implement the medical fee schedules required by Va. Code Sec. 65.2-605 to be effective January 1, 2018 for all medical services rendered to injured workers under the Act on or after that date, regardless of the date of injury.

Statement of final agency action

Please 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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Family impact

Please assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability including to what extent the regulatory action will: 1) strengthen or erode the authority and rights of parents in the education, nurturing, and supervision of their children; 2) encourage or discourage economic self-sufficiency, self-pride, and the assumption of responsibility for oneself, one's spouse, and one's children and/or elderly parents; 3) strengthen or erode the marital commitment; and 4) increase or decrease disposable family income.

N/A