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Exempt Action: Final Regulation Agency Background Document

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| Agency name | Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission |
| Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s) | 16 VAC 30-110 |
| VAC Chapter title(s) | Medical Fee Schedule Regulations |
| Action title | Biennial review of workers' compensation medical fee schedules |
| Final agency action date | August 17, 2023 |
| Date this document prepared | September 11, 2023 |

This information is required for executive branch review pursuant to Executive Order 19 (2022) (EO 19), any instructions or procedures issued by the Office of Regulatory Management (ORM) or the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) pursuant to EO 19. In addition, this information is required by the Virginia Registrar of Regulations pursuant to the Virginia Register Act (§ 2.2-4100 et seq. of the Code of Virginia). Regulations must conform to the Regulations for Filing and Publishing Agency Regulations (1 VAC 7-10), 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 2024 Medical Fee Schedules that will be applicable to medical services rendered in workers' compensation cases during the period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

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). For purposes of executive branch review, "mandate" has the same meaning as defined in the ORM procedures, "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the General Assembly, the federal government, or a court that requires that a regulation be promulgated, amended, or repealed in whole or part."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.

On August 17, 2023, the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission adopted the 2024 Medical Fee Schedules and revised the Medical Fee Schedule Regulations to include them.