

Finding the Oregon Workers' Comp Fee Schedule

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Oregon's Workers' Compensation Fee Schedule

Oregon Worker's Comp uses the CPT codes' "Relevant Value Units" (RVUs) found in the Federal Register (FR) to calculate their fees. The Federal Register changes over time. The applicable FR is determined by the date of treatment and which RVUs were in effect on that date. The Federal Register is updated every year on January 1, but Oregon's Work Comp **doesn't update their fee schedule** with those new values until **April 1**. For information on CMS's corrected values, mixing of codes, etc., see Natalie Arndt's "CPT Codes Update", on our website.

The current RVUs used by Oregon Workers' Comp for the acupuncture CPT Codes are the values published by CMS on January 1, 2005, which are: 97810= 0.63; 97811= 0.53; 97813= 0.68; 97814= 0.58

How to Calculate the Work Comp Fees

Go to what is called "division 9 rules" which are Oregon administrative rules adopted by the Oregon Workers' Comp Division. There you will find, under the medical code (which is for acupuncture as well), the "conversion factor", which is currently \$75.04. You multiply the conversion factor times the RVU for the CPT code used and this yields the fee that is paid, i.e., the payment schedule. As an example, the current Work Comp RVU for 97810 is 0.63. So, $\$75.04 \times 0.63 = \47.28 , the maximum payment for 97810.

To Find the Current Conversion Factors

1) Go to Workers' Compensation's website:

http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/wcd/policy/rules/docconv_12426/9_05051.pdf

2) Find the Table of Contents (currently p. iii)

3) See Rule # 436-009-0040:

Calculating Medical Provider Fees is listed as being on p.18 (note that this is a pdf file, the actual page number on the scroll is page 22).

4) The **Conversion Factors** are under paragraph (4). Note that insurance companies may differ in defining Acupuncture codes as 'Medicine' or 'Physical Medicine'. The conversion factor for each is different.

For more information, or to get information directly from Workers Comp, you can either:

1- Contact the Medical Review Unit, (503) 947-7816 or

2- Contact the Oregon Department of Consumer & Business Services, Workers Comp Division:

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