



Workers' Compensation-Ohio

Overview

Workers' Compensation provides insurance to employers to provide benefits and care to employees injured on the job and benefits to families of those killed on the job. Like Medicaid, Workers' Compensation, also known as industrial insurance, is administered by each state and, likewise, each state determines its own rules regarding PA reimbursement and scope of practice.

State Specific Information

Enrollment/Credentialing/Billing

Physician assistants are enrolled and credentialed in the by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. PAs are covered for medical services they provide to Workers' Compensation patients in Ohio. The reimbursement rate for PA services is 85% of the physician rate. The PA's BWC provider number should be typed in block 25 of the 1500, form as he/she is the servicing provider. The BWC provider number issued to the supervising physician or physician group must be typed in block 33 to reflect the pay-to provider.

Covered Services

PAs are covered as First Assistants at surgery. The reimbursement rate is based on modifier used. Use the appropriate CPT © modifier, -80,-81, or -82 for assisting at surgery. In cases when a PA functions as an assistant in surgery, reimbursement is based on both the assistant surgery modifier and the provider type. If the fee for a procedure is \$1,000 and billed with modifier -80 it would pay 20% or \$200. PA is reimbursed at 85% or \$170.

Supervision

Supervision requirements for PAs follow Ohio State law. No special restrictions are in place on hospital-employed PAs.

More Information

Information compiled by the AAPA about the [Ohio Workers' Compensation Program](#) can be found on the [AAPA website](#).

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation [Billing and Reimbursement Manual](#) is an excellent resource. (Updated June 2009.)

For assistance understanding Workers' Compensation policies, you may also contact the AAPA's reimbursement staff at 703/836-2272, Andrew Iwanik, aiwanik@aapa.org ext 3218 or Tricia Marriott, Director of Reimbursement Policy, tmarriott@aapa.org, ext. 3219.

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