



ERD Medical Regulations Unit
LMAC Update
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Utilization and Treatment Guidelines

- Initial review of the three guidelines being updated this year (chronic pain, complex regional pain syndrome, traumatic brain syndrome) completed; second review on final guideline in process
- Medical Provider Group meeting on February 28 to review updated guidelines

Medical Status Form

- Standardized form used by physicians to communicate current work abilities of the injured worker to the employer and insurer
 - Available as printed triplicate form or online as a fillable PDF
- Revised form recently published after comment and review period
 - Size reduced from legal to letterhead
 - Simplified and shorter
 - PDF form has mouse-over popup bubbles of with context-sensitive information from instructions
- Many positive comments from providers
- Providers may use up current supply of printed forms before transitioning to new forms

Medical Fee Schedule

- April 1 update for Professional Fee Schedule
 - Updated and expanded codes
- Annual update process started for Facility Fee Schedule
 - Received top 60 diagnosis-related codes (by frequency) from NCCI
 - 13 acute care hospitals being surveyed
 - Amounts paid and number of services for these codes for Medicare, group health, workers' compensation
 - Critical care hospitals not surveyed because not subject to fee schedule
 - Surgicenters not surveyed because they receive 75% of facility fee schedule

Timely Provider Payments

- Staff continues to assist physicians
 - Over \$250,000 collected since July 2011

Training

- Onsite training in physician offices resumes in late January

