



Workers' Compensation-Wisconsin

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

Physician assistants are included in the definition of "Provider", according to the Wisconsin administrative Code Section DWD 80.72(2)(L). http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/wc/legal/ch_dwd_80.pdf.

PAs are covered for medical services they provide to Workers' Compensation patients in Wisconsin. Although PAs are not credentialed by Wisconsin's Workers' Compensation, practices should submit claims for PAs' professional services with the physician's tax ID number, or otherwise in accordance with the policy of the insuring company. Medical services provided by PAs are generally reimbursed at the physician fee rate.

PAs may provide virtually any Workers' Compensation service within a PA's scope of practice as defined by Wisconsin State Law, including first assisting at surgery. Use the "AS" modifier and the "81" modifier for assisting at surgery.

Supervision requirements for PA's follow Wisconsin State law. The PA may see Workers' Compensation patients on their initial visits to the practice. No special restrictions are in place on hospital-employed PAs.

FAQ

Where Can I Find Information About How PAs Are Reimbursed by Workers' Compensation in Wisconsin?

Information pertinent to PAs compiled by the AAPA about the Wisconsin Workers' Compensation Program can be found at

http://www.aapa.org/images/stories/state_workers_comp/wisconsin-wc.pdf.

The phone number for the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Worker's Compensation Division is (608)266-1340. The Provider Inquiry number is (800)947-9627.

The Wisconsin Worker's Compensation Statutes can be found on the web at

http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/wc/legal/ch_dwd_80.pdf.



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For assistance understanding Workers' Compensation policies, you may also contact the AAPA's reimbursement staff at 703/836-2272, ext. 3218 or 3219.