



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

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Agency: Department of Labor and Industries

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<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or	<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Notice to WSR _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4).	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuance of WSR _____

Title of rule and other identifying information: (Describe Subject)
Medical Aid Rules – Conversion Factors and Maximum Daily Fees: WAC 296-20-135, WAC 296-23-220, WAC 296-23-230

Hearing location(s):
Dept of Labor & Industries
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Date: March 26, 2008 Time: 1:00 PM

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Tom Davis by March 19, 2008
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Date of intended adoption: April 22, 2008
(Note: This is NOT the effective date)

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The purpose of the rule is to update the department's payment rates for health care services by:
1) Changing the conversion factor used to calculate payment levels for services payable through the Resource Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) fee schedule; 2) Changing the conversion factor used to calculate payment for anesthesia services; and 3) Increasing the maximum daily payment for physical and occupational therapy.

WAC 296-20-135(2): Increase the RBRVS conversion factor from \$56.38 to \$61.53.
WAC 296-20-135(3): Increase the anesthesia conversion factor from \$3.08 to \$3.19.
WAC 296-23-220 and WAC 296-23-230: Increase the maximum daily rate for physical and occupational therapy services from \$113.84 to \$118.07.

Reasons supporting proposal: This rule will provide medical aid updates regarding rate setting for most professional health care services for injured workers.

Statutory authority for adoption:
RCW 51.04.020 (1) and 51.04.030

Statute being implemented:
RCW 51.36.080

Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Federal Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
State Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

If yes, CITATION:

DATE
February 19, 2008

NAME (type or print)
Judy Schurke

SIGNATURE

TITLE Director

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Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:

- 1) Increasing the conversion factors used to calculate maximum payment for services paid with the Resource Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) fee schedule;
- 2) Increasing the conversion factor used to calculate maximum payment for anesthesia services; and
- 3) Increasing the maximum daily payment for physical and occupational therapy services.

The conversion factor updates are made in accordance with WAC 296-20-132, Determination of Conversion Factor Adjustments. The anticipated effect of this rule change is to allow injured workers continued access to health care services.

Name of proponent: (person or organization)
Department of Labor and Industries

- Private
- Public
- Governmental

Name of agency personnel responsible for:

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Drafting..... Tom Davis	Tumwater, WA	(360) 902-6687
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Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?

Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

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e-mail _____

No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

This rule adoption is exempt under RCW 34.05.328 (5) (b), (vi) and RCW 19.85.025 (3).

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

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No: Please explain:

RCW 34.05.328 does not apply because the content of this rule is explicitly dictated by statute and fits within the exceptions listed in RCW 34.05.328 (5) (b) (vi).