



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5605

LCO No. 6128



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:
(LAB)

**AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE WORKERS'
COMPENSATION ACT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (11) of section 31-280 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2025*):

4 (11) (A) Establish standards in consultation with the advisory board
5 for approving all fees for services rendered under this chapter by
6 attorneys, physicians, surgeons, podiatrists, optometrists, dentists and
7 other persons;

8 (B) In consultation with employers, their insurance carriers, union
9 representatives, physicians and third-party reimbursement
10 organizations establish, not later than October 1, 1993, and publish
11 annually thereafter, a fee schedule setting the fees payable by an
12 employer or its insurance carrier for services rendered under this
13 chapter by an approved physician, surgeon, podiatrist, optometrist,
14 dentist and other persons, provided the fee schedule shall not apply to
15 services rendered to a claimant who is participating in an employer's

16 managed care plan pursuant to section 31-279. On and after April 1,
 17 2008, the chairperson shall implement and annually update relative
 18 values based on the Medicare resource-based relative value scale and
 19 implement coding guidelines in conformance with the Correct Coding
 20 Initiative used by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
 21 Services. [The conversion to the Medicare resource-based relative value
 22 scale shall be revenue-neutral.] The fee schedule shall limit the annual
 23 growth in total medical fees to the annual percentage increase in the
 24 consumer price index for all urban workers. The chairperson may make
 25 necessary adjustments to the fee schedule for services rendered under
 26 this chapter where there is no established Medicare resource-based
 27 relative value. Payment of the established fees by the employer or its
 28 insurance carrier shall constitute payment in full to the practitioner, and
 29 the practitioner may not recover any additional amount from the
 30 claimant to whom services have been rendered;

31 (C) Issue, not later than October 1, 1993, and publish annually
 32 thereafter, guidelines for the maximum fees payable by a claimant for
 33 any legal services rendered by an attorney in connection with the
 34 provisions of this chapter, which fees shall be approved in accordance
 35 with the standards established by the chairperson pursuant to
 36 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2025	31-280(11)

Statement of Purpose:

To remove obsolete language from the Workers' Compensation Act.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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