

Workers' Compensation

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.

North Dakota Information

The Workers' Compensation system in North Dakota asks that claims for services provided by PAs be submitted with the physician or practice's tax ID number and the PA's NPI number. Effective January 1, 2008, reimbursements are paid to the PA's employer at 100 percent of the physician fee schedule. PAs must follow state law guidelines for supervision and their practices can be reimbursed for all services within the North Dakota PA scope of practice including first assisting at surgery. Claims for first assisting at surgery should be submitted with the SA surgical modifier and are paid at 10 percent of the primary surgeon's fee. Workers' Compensation allows PAs to see patients on their initial visits to the practice and gives PAs the authority to sign all Workers' Compensation forms.

Where can I find more information about how PAs are reimbursed by Workers' Compensation in North Dakota?

Information about Workers' Compensation in North Dakota is available at www.workforcesafety.com or by calling 800/701-5177. You may also call the AAPA's reimbursement staff at 703/836-2272, ext. 3218 or 3219.