

Bullet Points for the Fee Schedule Announcement

1. Effective for services rendered on/after February 25, 2018, irrespective of injury date.
2. Changes to name of Chapter 17 to reflect its purpose, rules for medical payments.
3. Changes time frames for holding, notification and payment periods.
4. Changes some current definitions to align with Medicare.
5. Requires the authorized treating physician to see an injured worker at least every 60 days if the injured worker is receiving temporary disability payments to assess progress toward return-to-work.
6. Provides rules for additional payments to physicians for certain additional causation opinions and drug/alcohol evaluation and counseling.
7. Allows payment to chiropractors for an additional evaluation.
8. Clarifies rules about compounding, benchmarking and parity for all dispensers.
9. Clarifies rules about laboratory charges, pay for CRNAs, PAs, and NPs.
10. Establishes payments for work hardening programs and functional capacity evaluations.
11. Makes discretionary utilization review for physical, occupational and psycho-therapy.
12. Limits payment for invoiced items to the facility.
13. Prohibits providers from charging for negative records searches.
14. Provides additional payments to trauma hospitals for certain services.
15. Simplifies hospital billing determinations by changing the inclusion under the stop-loss calculations.
16. An updated Handbook will be coming soon.
17. These are the links for the revised rules.

http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules_filings/11-16-17.pdf

http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules_filings/11-17-17.pdf

http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules_filings/11-18-17.pdf