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TO: Insurance Carriers, Self-Insured Groups & Administrators, Managed Care Organizations
FROM: Medical Fees Section, North Carolina Industrial Commission
RE: *Updates to the Medical Fee Schedule Effective January 1, 2013*

OFFICIAL NOTICE

This Notice is to inform your organization that the North Carolina Industrial Commission has updated the Medical Fee Schedule to incorporate recent revisions to the Fees for Medical Compensation rule, 04 NCAC 10J .0101. The following changes have been made:

- **Maximum allowable amounts for CPT codes 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99211, 99212, 99213, 99214, and 99215 have increased 30%.**
- **Maximum allowable amounts for CPT codes for physical medicine services have increased 5%.**

The Commission's online Medical Fee Schedule already incorporates these revised amounts.

The effective date of these changes is January 1, 2013. Payments made to health care providers that render any of these medical services for dates of service on and after January 1, 2013 are subject to the revised maximum allowable amounts. The North Carolina Workers' Compensation Act requires each health care provider to be reimbursed the amount specified under the fee schedule unless the provider has agreed under contract to accept a different amount or reimbursement methodology. See N.C. Gen. Stat. 97-26(c).

Please incorporate these new amounts into your organization's systems and internal processes to ensure compliance with 04 NCAC 10J .0101 and N.C. Gen. Stat. 97-26. **If your organization has made underpayments to medical providers who have provided these services in January, you must issue supplemental payments in accordance with the revised allowable amounts contained in the Medical Fee Schedule.**