North Carolina
Industrial Commission

MINUTES

FEES FOR SEARCHING, HANDLING, COPYING, AND MAILING MEDICAL
RECORDS & REPORTS
JANUARY 12, 1995

Pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. 97-26.1 and N.C. Gen. Stat. 90-411 and the powers bestowed thereby, the Industrial Commission hereby adopts the schedule below which provides the maximum fees for the searching, handling, copying, and mailing of medical records and reports related to claims under Article 1 of Chapter 97 of the General Statutes as follows:

A health care provider, or its agent, may charge a reasonable fee to cover the costs incurred in searching, handling, copying, and mailing medical records to plaintiffs, or their attorneys; defendant employers, adjusting agencies, insurance carriers, or their attorneys; and rehabilitation nurses. But in no event shall the maximum fee for the first forty pages exceed fifty cents ($.50) per page, provided that the health care provider, or its agent, may impose a minimum fee of up to ten dollars ($10.00), inclusive of copying costs. The maximum fee for each copy after the first forty pages shall be twenty cents ($.20) per page.

However, health care providers shall provide without charge to the first requesting party among the following: employers, carriers, third party adjusting agencies, and rehabilitation nurses medical reports as required by Article 1 of Chapter 97 of the General Statutes. Second and subsequent requests for medical reports previously provided without charge shall be subject to the provisions of the 2nd paragraph of these Minutes relating to costs for copies of medical reports.
Upon agreement by the parties, medical records may be introduced into evidence in lieu of live testimony. Therefore, prompt provision of the medical reports may alleviate the inconvenience to health care providers, particularly physicians, of providing live testimony.

These Minutes supersede the Minutes adopted by the Commission on September 1, 1994.

This schedule is applicable to claims pending on or filed after February 1, 1995.

[Signatures]

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NORTH CAROLINA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

CONSOLIDATED FISCAL YEARLY REPORT OF "MEDICAL ONLY" AND TOTAL MEDICAL FOR "LOST TIME" CASES PURSUANT TO N.C. GEN. STAT. § 97-22 AND I.C. RULE 404A

It is the responsibility of the Insurer, Self-Insurer and Group Self-Insurers to submit a consolidated fiscal report yearly to the North Carolina Industrial Commission. The data requested below must be submitted on or before July 30 of each year. This I.C. Form 51 shall cover the preceding twelve calendar months beginning each July 1st, and ending June 30th.

Name of Insurer, Self-Insurer or Group Self-Insurer as certified by the North Carolina Department of Insurance or Statutory Self-Insurer (State Agencies and Political Subdivisions)

All Must Complete The Following:

1. Total Number Of "Medical Only" Cases: ______________________
2. Total Amount Paid "Medical Only" Cases: ______________________

Complete The Following Section Only If You Are A Managed Care Insurer Or Are Directly Applying The Industrial Commission Medical Fee Schedule To Submitted Your Own Medical Bills:

3. Total Number Of "Lost Time" Cases: ______________________
4. Total Amount Paid Excluding Rehabilitation: ______________________
5. Total Amount Paid For Rehabilitation: ______________________
6. Total Amount Paid ( Add lines 4 and 5): ______________________

Address Of Submitting Office:

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REPORTING YEAR: JULY 1, 199____ TO JUNE 30, 199____