

NYS Fee Schedule Increase: Update After Implementation

On April 1, 2019 the updated fee schedule went into effect for workers' compensation medical benefits in New York State. While the WCB had indicated that they expected the increased fee schedule rates to have an overall statewide impact of a 5% increase in costs, NCAComp has performed an analysis of actual client utilization by region.

Based on the snapshot comparing the pre and post 4/1/19 costs noted below, the change to the fee schedule will potentially result in a larger increase in medical spend.

The lowest increase was 10% while the highest was on a basic office visit for a physical therapy patient at 97%. The below factors are based on services rendered in region 2 as defined by the New York State Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Schedule; this area includes Buffalo and Syracuse.

Type of Care	Pre 4/1 cost	Post 4/1 cost	% increase
Physical Therapy, single base visit	\$54.40	\$106.92	97%
Psych visit, basic 45 minute	\$108.46	\$165.94	53%
Office visit, basic 25 minute	\$74.79	\$102.45	37%
Office visit, basic 10 minute	\$51.54	\$70.60	37%
Office visit, basic 5 minute	\$40.40	\$55.34	37%
Chiropractic, single base visit	\$47.19	\$61.83	31%
Total Knee Replacement (MD portion)	\$3,582.98	\$3,941.23	10%
Trigger point injection (MD portion) neck/back	\$86.54	\$95.19	10%
ESI Injection (MD portion) knee/shoulder	\$46.03	\$50.63	10%

If you have any questions about how this change will impact your specific claims, please contact your NCAComp account manager for a detailed analysis.