

D PHYSICIANS (Except Anesthesiologists)

1 INTRODUCTION

Payment will be based on the established fee schedule unless a lesser amount is billed. The amount billed cannot exceed usual and customary charges to private pay patients. In establishing the fee schedule, a single fee is established for each procedure code regardless of provider specialty

2. FEE SCHEDULE BASED ON RELATIVE VALUES

The physician fee schedule is based on relative value units unless otherwise specified in the "Alternative Fees Section." Weights for the CPT Codes were rebased July 1, 2006 using the then current Resource Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS). Special payment considerations are given for EPSDT services. Maternity related codes covering the deliveries are priced higher in response to OBRA requirements.

Physicians providing services in rural areas of the state are paid a rate differential equal to 112 percent of the physician fee schedule. Rural areas are defined as those areas in Utah outside of the Wasatch Front -- Davis, Weber, Utah and Salt Lake counties.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. All rates are published and maintained on the agency's website. Specifically, the fee schedule and any annual/periodic adjustments to the fee schedule are published at <http://health.utah.gov/medicaid/>

3. ALTERNATIVE FEES

When an RVS value is either not available or not appropriate, an alternative method will be used to establish the fee. In establishing alternative fees, reference will be made to the methodology included in the Medicare regulations covering "gap filling" for physician fees. In addition to professional judgments, consideration will be given to one or more of the following:

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