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**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. Generally, a single fee is established for each procedure code regardless of provider specialty.

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/>.

**2. FEE SCHEDULE BASED ON RELATIVE VALUES**

The physician fee schedule is based on relative value units unless otherwise specified in this Section D.

The physician fee schedule is re-based July 1, 2013, using then current relative value units (RVUs). The agency's rates were set as of July 1, 2013, and are effective for services delivered on or after that date. The total RVUs for any procedure code will be based on the Medicare formula for that calendar year. A corresponding conversion factor will also be established such that total projected payments to physicians will not increase or decrease as a result of the annual rate update. The conversion factor may also include any changes established by the economic index discussed in Subsection 4.

**3. ALTERNATIVE FEES**

When an RVU value is either not available or not appropriate (e.g., access to care issues, maternity services), 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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E. ANESTHESIOLOGIST/ANESTHETIST

1. INTRODUCTION

Payment is based on the lower of billed usual and customary charges or a calculated fee.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. The agency's anesthesia conversion factor and anesthesia basic values were set as of July 1, 2013, and are effective for services delivered on or after that date. 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/>.

2. CALCULATED FEE

Payment = (Basic Value + Time Values + Modifying Factors) x Conversion Factor.

Time Values are added to the basic value at the rate of one unit for each twelve minutes or fraction thereof.

Rural Areas: Anesthesiologists/Anesthetists 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 areas of the State of Utah outside of Weber, Davis, Salt Lake and Utah counties.

Economic Index: The annual Medicaid budget requests include inflation factors for physicians based on the Producer Price Index published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with consideration given to the inflation adjustments given in prior years relative to the Producer Price Index. The actual inflation index will be established by the Utah State Legislature.

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