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DWC Posts Fact Sheet for RBRVS Physician Fee Schedule

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has posted a [fact sheet](#) on its website about a resource-based relative value scale (RBRVS) based physician fee schedule. The fact sheet provides answers to frequently asked questions about RBRVS.

Senate Bill 863 directs DWC's administrative director to adopt a physician fee schedule based upon the federal RBRVS used in the Medicare payment system. In the RBRVS-based system, relative value units interact with payment ground rules and the conversion factor to determine the maximum fee in light of the resources to provide the service.

The fact sheet includes answers to the following questions:

- Why is the RBRVS a major reform in physician payment?
- How will the RBRVS fee schedule affect administrative burden?
- How will the proposed fee schedule work?
- What are the implications of the RBRVS on spending for physician services?
- What are the differences between the default option specified in the Labor Code and the proposed rule?
- What are the biggest changes in ground rules?
- What are the next steps?

The fact sheet, text of the regulations, and RAND report can be found on the proposed regulations [page](#).

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