

Comparison of Various States' Work Comp Fees/Medicare

State	Medicare Fee 29881	Work Comp Fee 29881 In Facility Setting	Current Percentage of MC
Montana	584.2	1094.75	187%
Wyoming	593.41	2080.84	351%
Idaho	582.87	2500.95	429%
Utah	608.01	939.60	155%
Colorado	600.81	1533.17	255%
North Dakota	570.52	1032.69	181%
South Dakota	574.55	1512.90	263%
Austin, TX	614.92	1137.19	185%
Beaumont, TX	618.74	1144.25	185%
Brazoria, TX	624.95	1155.73	185%
Dallas, TX	626.57	1158.73	185%
Fort Worth, TX	617.65	1142.24	185%
Galveston, TX	623.61	1153.27	185%
Houston, TX	637.89	1172.96	184%
Rest of Texas	606.29	1121.22	185%
Anaheim/Santa Ana, CA	688.11	1293.62	188%
Los Angeles, CA	678.99	1293.62	191%
Marin/Napa/Solano, CA	669.64	1293.62	193%
Oakland/Berkley, CA	680.69	1293.62	190%
San Francisco, CA	721.03	1293.62	179%
San Mateo, CA	722.28	1293.62	179%
Santa Clara, CA	690.12	1293.62	187%
Ventura, CA	682.79	1293.62	189%
Rest of California	614.38	1293.62	211%
DC + MD/VA Suburbs	689.67	957.54	139%
Baltimore/Surr. Cntys, MD	640.49	957.54	150%
Rest of Maryland	610.29	957.54	157%

Wyoming current Work Comp fees are based on Wyoming Workers Compensation Division Rules Chapter 9. Surgical fees are based on published RVUs multiplied by the surgery conversion factor of \$120.21. No statement was found indicating if Wyoming adjusted RVUs are used to calculate WC fees, therefore the fee on this graph is based on the unadjusted RVU published in the November 2009 Federal Register of 17.31

Idaho current Work Comp fees are based on Administrative Code 17.02.08: Definition of Conversion Factors state: "The following conversion factors shall be applied to the fully-implemented facility or non-facility RVU as determined by phase of service found in the latest RBRVS as amended, that was published before December 31 of the previous calendar year." No statement indicating Idaho WC uses Idaho adjusted GPCIs to calculate WC fees, therefore fee of \$2500.948 was calculated based on CF of \$144.48 X unadjusted RVU of 17.31 (published in Nov 2009 Federal Register). Idaho utilizes multiple conversion factors based on type of service.

Utah Current Work Comp Fees are based on Utah Labor Commission Industrial Accidents Division 2009-2010 Medical Fee Guidelines. Fees are effective through December 2010 and are based on the 2009 unadjusted RVU of 16.20 X the assigned CF of \$58

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Colorado current Work Comp fees are based on Department of Labor Rules of procedure: 2010 Workers Compensation fee schedule is based on 2009 RVU X surgical conversion factor of \$94.64. There was no designation as to whether they use GPCI adjusted or unadjusted RVUs, therefore the fee on this chart was calculated using the unadjusted 2009 RVU of 16.20. Colorado utilizes multiple conversion factors based on the type of service.

California Work Comp fees are based on Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, Chapter 4.5 The most current fees published for E/M codes is February, 15, 2007. Only one fee was published, therefore the assumption is that California Work Comp does not pay separately based on Medicare designated localities and the published fee is listed in the table above in the Rest of California row.

Maryland Work Comp fees are based on Subtitle 09 Workers' Compensation Commission, 14.09.03 Guide of Medical And Surgical Fees. Section .05D states: RVU and GPCI Values shall be obtained utilizing...the locality code for Baltimore and Surrounding Counties.

It appears the current MT Work Comp fee for 29881 is based on a conversion factor of 65.28 X the current Unadjusted Transitional Facility Total RVU for 29881 of 16.77 = \$1094.75

The current Montana Medicare fee for 29881 is based on a conversion factor of 36.8729 X the current Montana adjusted transitional facility total RVU of 15.8437 = \$584.20

Montana Medicare fees are calculated using Montana adjusted transitional RVUs while it appears that Montana Work Comp uses national unadjusted transitional RVUs