

MD WCC Medical Fee Guide Miscellaneous Information

- The MD WCC adopts the CMS Multiple Procedure Rule: 100%- 50%- 50%.
- The MD WCC adopts CMS “global days” for appropriate procedures.
- Deposition costs are not regulated via the MD WCC Medical Fee Guide.
- The MD WCC MFG does not value prescriptions (Rx), durable medical equipment (DME) or dental services. See COMAR 14.09.03 for more information.
- Independent Medical Exams will only be paid utilizing these CPT codes:
 - CPT 99455- IME by Treating Physician- Includes 30 minutes of record review time.
 - CPT 99456- IME by Non-Treating Physician- Includes 30 minutes of record review time.
 - CPT 99358- Review of medical records in excess of the 30 minutes included in 99455/56.

For the first hour of record review thereafter, CPT code 99358 shall be used. The medical provider must itemize the total time spent reviewing the medical records. From this figure, 30 minutes must be deducted and the balance can be billed under the same code. Record reviews ranging from 31 minutes to 90 minutes should be billed under CPT 99358.

- Example- Record review 90 minutes should be coded as CPT 99455 and CPT 99358.

A review of medical records in excess of the 30 minutes included in 99455/56 and 90 minutes in total shall be billed by the half hour using CPT code 99359. Record reviews ranging from 91 minutes to 120 minutes shall be billed under the same code.

- Example- Record review of 2 hours should be coded as CPT 99456, 99358 and 99359.

Record reviews lasting more than 120 minutes shall be billed in 30 minutes increments using CPT code 99359.

Reimbursement rates for the common workers' compensation-related CPT codes not available from CMS that are separately valued by the WCC are valid CPT codes for services not covered by CMS, codes specific and centric to the MD WCC with descriptions or codes not otherwise valued by CMS/Medicare. This information is updated when needed. The WCC Medical Division has determined these non-CMS WCC reimbursement rates. If any additional current and valid CPT codes are encountered which are not valued by CMS/Medicare, contact the WCC via email: **wccsupportserv@wcc.state.md.us**.

In all instances of inquiry for valuation, a description MUST accompany the CPT code for verification of the CPT code & procedure associated.

When a CPT code is CMS/Medicare available for valuation, individual calculations cannot be provided by the WCC. Please see the Reimbursement/Rates documents provided on the Medical Fee Guide & Information web page for methodologies, base values and calculations:
http://www.wcc.state.md.us/MFG/Medical_Fee_Schedule.html.

When an invalid CPT code is submitted for valuation, no response is possible.