

Fee Schedule

There is no fee schedule in Virginia. [Virginia Code Section 65.2-605](#) states that the employer's liability for medical charges including physician assistants is limited to "such charges as prevail in the same community for similar treatment [.]" The term "community" is defined Commission Rule 14, listed below. Charge schedules agreed to by the workers' compensation insurance carrier and the medical provider will be enforced.

If a dispute arises as to reimbursement for a medical charge, the medical provider may request a hearing before this Commission. The Commission will determine whether or not the employer's insurance carrier is liable for payment of the bill. Once the claimant has filed a claim which covers a specific charge, or once the Commission enters an award of compensation applicable to a charge, the health care provider may not attempt to bill the claimant for any part of the charge. However, if the Commission rules that the charge is not compensable under the Act, the provider may bill the claimant. For more information on this last point, see [Virginia Code Section 65.2-601.1](#).

RULE 14. DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY

For the purpose of 65.2-605 of the Code of Virginia, the word community shall mean one or more planning districts as set forth below:

| Community | Planning District(s) |
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| 1 | Districts 1 & 2 |
| 2 | District 3 |
| 3 | District 4 |
| 4 | District 5 |
| 5 | District 11 & 13 |
| 6 | District 12 |
| 7 | District 6 |
| 8 | District 7 |
| 9 | District 16 |
| 10 | District 9 & 10 |
| 11 | District 8 |
| 12 | District 17 & 18 |
| 13 | District 22 & 23 |
| 14 | District 14 & 15 |
| 15 | District 19 |

Whenever an employee receives treatment outside of the Commonwealth, the commission will determine the appropriate community in the state or territory where the treatment is rendered upon application of either the employee, employer (or its representative), or medical provider.

When the commission deems appropriate, it may consider additional data to determine the prevailing community rate.

Link to Planning District map: <http://www.vapdc.org/pdcmap.htm>