



## VIRGINIA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

### *MFS Transition Review Update*

#### **Purpose:**

Subsection D of Section 65.2-605 of the Code of Virginia Workers' compensation; directs the Commission shall review Virginia fee schedules during the year that follows the transition date and biennially thereafter and, if necessary, adjust the Virginia fee schedules in order to address (i) inflation or deflation as reflected in the medical care component of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the South as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor; (ii) access to fee scheduled medical services; (iii) errors in calculations made in preparing the Virginia fee schedules; and (iv) incentives for providers. The Commission shall not adjust a Virginia fee schedule in a manner that reduces fees on an existing schedule unless such a reduction is based on deflation or a finding by the Commission that advances in technology or errors in calculations made in preparing the Virginia fee schedules justify a reduction in fees.

#### **MFS Review Timeline:**

Here is the fee schedule review timeline to meet all requirements. All meetings noted will be held at the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission's Headquarters located at 333 E Franklin St, Richmond, Va. 23219.

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<b>December 12, 2018</b> <b>3:00-4:30 pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medical Fee Schedule Regulatory Advisory Panel/Oliver Wyman/ Commission Meeting for review of preliminary schedule updates.</li></ul>
<b>January 14, 2019</b> <b>10:00-11:30 am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commission meets to finalize transition year and first biennial review CPI-U indexes.</li></ul>
<b>March 19, 2019</b> <b>10:00-12:00 am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medical Fee Schedule Regulatory Advisory Panel/Commission Meeting to finalize recommendations for schedule updates.</li></ul>
<b>May 15, 2019</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Oliver Wyman forwards proposed draft for revised Medical Fee Schedule.</li></ul>
<b>July 10, 2019</b> <b>1:00-3:00 pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regulatory Advisory Panel and Commission meets to review final proposed schedule and ground rules updates at Commission Headquarters at 333 E Franklin Street, Richmond, VA 23219.</li></ul>
<b>July 18, 2019</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commission meets to review and provide preliminary approval for the proposed schedule and ground rules update.</li></ul>

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<b>July 31, 2019</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preliminary approved Medical Fee Schedule posted on the Commission website.</li></ul>
<b>August 1, 2019 to August 30, 2019</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public comment period for the Approved Medical Fee Schedule.</li></ul>
<b>September 5, 2019 to October 10, 2019</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medical Fee Schedule Regulatory Advisory Panel/Oliver Wyman/Commission review public comments and determine if further changes will be made to the revised Ground Rules or schedules.</li></ul>
<b>October 17, 2019</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commission meets to review and provide final approval for the 2020 Medical Fee Schedule and amendments.</li></ul>
<b>October 22, 2019</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approved 2020 Medical Fee Schedule, Ground Rules, and revisions posted on the Commission Website.</li></ul>
<b>On or before November 6, 2019</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2020 Medical Fee Schedule Regulation will be published in the Virginia Register of Regulations.</li></ul>
<b>January 1, 2020</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2020 Medical Fee Schedule and Ground Rules become effective.</li></ul>

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