

## PROPOSED STATE RULES

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To obtain further information concerning any scheduled hearing(s), obtain copies of proposed rule(s) or submit comments regarding proposed rule(s), please call or write the contact person listed below. You may also submit comments in writing to the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules, State House, Montpelier, Vermont 05602 (802-828-2231).

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### **Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Schedule Rule 40.**

**Vermont Proposed Rule: 26P019**

**AGENCY:** Department of Labor

**CONCISE SUMMARY:** Medical providers who care for injured workers covered by a workers' compensation policy are required to bill for their services using the Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Schedule. It is vital to the health of the workers' compensation system that such fees be sufficient to ensure the provision of services, without being so generous as to increase the cost of insurance coverage. The rule generally modestly raises reimbursement amounts, adds a far more robust table of Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and Health-care Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes, and provides for annual indexing going forward using Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)"market basket" factors, capped at 3% annually.

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