

# 2019 Workers Compensation/No-Fault Update

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**Effective April 1, 2019, the 2018 New York Workers' Compensation Fee Schedule has gone into effect. There are only a few ground rules that became applicable to No-Fault providers as of April 1, 2019 (See below). However, the 2018 New York Workers' Compensation Fee Schedule that includes increased reimbursement rates for medical services will not be implemented until October 1, 2020.**

The New York State Workers' Compensation Board has issued an emergency amendment to the No-Fault fee schedule. The New York Workers' Compensation fee schedule has traditionally applied to the New York State No-Fault system by operation of insurance regulation 83.

The emergency amendment to the regulations clearly states that the changes to the amounts that providers can charge for services will not impact the No-Fault system until providers are billing for services rendered on and after **October 1, 2020.**

On **April 1, 2019**, the 2018 New York Workers' Compensation Fee Schedule went into effect with regards to the following ground rules:

1. Ground Rule **10** of the **Chiropractic Fee Schedule**;
2. Ground Rule **13** of the **Behavioral Health Fee Schedule**;
3. Ground Rule **16** of the **Podiatry Fee Schedule.**

All three of these rules limit those professionals from billing for CPT codes outside of their individual fee schedule.

There is also **Ground Rule 19 of the Medical Fee Schedule** which prohibits any chiropractor, podiatrist, or provider of behavioral health from billing for CPT codes in the medical fee schedule. Only the above-referenced ground rules apply to healthcare services rendered on or after **April 1, 2019**. Any treatment rendered prior to April 1, 2019 will not be subject to the requirements of the new fee schedule.

Please note the new fee schedule increased reimbursement rates for medical services rendered will not be implemented until **October 1, 2020.**