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CSHB 316 Sectional Analysis ver. R

Section 1. Amends the physician, outpatient and ambulatory surgical center, and inpatient hospital fee schedules to be based on the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services fees.

Section 2. Requires the Workers' Compensation Board to annually review and adjust fees set by the Medical Services Review Committee under Section 1. The conversion factor for the fee schedules is established by the Medical Services Review Committee and adopted by the Board in regulation. Provides for maximum reimbursement for fees rendered in another state. Requires the Board to set the rate for air ambulance service. Requires the Board to set the markup, and reimbursement limits for durable medical equipment. Requires the Board to set the markup, dispensing fee, and reimbursement limits for prescription drugs. Requires a prescription drug dispensed by a physician to include in an invoice the original manufacturer's code from the National Drug Code Directory published by the USFDA. Exempts critical access hospitals from the fee schedules established in Section 1. Allows the Board to apply a geographic adjustment factor to fee schedules in Section 1. Requires the Commissioner of Labor to approve the conversion factors formulated by the Medical Services Review Committee.

Section 3. Lists reference materials the department may incorporate, including future amended versions, into regulations.

Section 4. Defines the Medical Services Review Committee under AS. 23.30.095(j).

Section 5. Section 1 and Section 3(j)-(0) are effective on July 1, 2015.

Section 6. Excluding Sections 6 and 7 of the Act, this Act is effective on July 1, 2014.