



## **Workers' Compensation-Massachusetts**

### **Overview**

Workers' Compensation provides insurance to employers to provide benefits and care to employees injured on the job and benefits to families of those killed on the job. Like Medicaid, Workers' Compensation, also known as industrial insurance, is administered by each state and, likewise, each state determines its own rules regarding PA reimbursement and scope of practice.

### **State Specific Information**

PAs are covered for medical services they provide to Workers' Compensation patients in Massachusetts. Although PAs are not credentialed by Massachusetts Workers' Compensation, practices should submit claims for PAs' professional services with the physician's tax ID number, or otherwise in accordance with the policy of the insuring company. Medical services provided by PAs are reimbursed at 85 percent of the physician fee schedule.

PAs may provide virtually any Workers' Compensation service within a PA's scope of practice as defined by Massachusetts State Law, including first assisting at surgery. First assisting at surgery is reimbursed at 15 % of the primary surgeon's fee. Use the "AS" modifier and the "81" modifier for assisting at surgery.

Supervision requirements for PA's follow Massachusetts State law. The PA may see Workers' Compensation patients on their initial visits to the practice. No special restrictions are in place on hospital-employed PAs.

### **FAQ**

#### **Where Can I Find Information About How PAs Are Reimbursed by Workers' Compensation in Massachusetts?**

Information compiled by the AAPA about the Massachusetts Workers' Compensation Program can be found at [http://www.aapa.org/images/stories/state\\_workers\\_comp/massachusetts-wc.pdf](http://www.aapa.org/images/stories/state_workers_comp/massachusetts-wc.pdf). The phone number for the Worker's Compensation Advisory Council is 617/727-4900, ext 378.

The Massachusetts Worker's Compensation Statutes can be found on the web at <http://www.mass.gov/legis/laws/mgl/152-1.htm>

For assistance understanding Workers' Compensation policies, you may also contact the AAPA's reimbursement staff at 703/836-2272, ext. 3218 or 3219.