

# **Workers' Comp**

## **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 Alaska. Although PAs are not issued their own billing numbers by WC, it is appropriate for practices employing PAs to submit claims for services provided by PAs with the supervising physician's or clinic's provider number and the PE modifier. Medical services provided by PAs are reimbursed at 90 percent of the physician fee schedule.

PAs may provide virtually any Workers' Compensation service allowed by their scopes of practice as defined by Alaska state law including first assisting at surgery. Claims for first assisting at surgery should be submitted with the AS modifier and are paid at 10.4 percent of the primary surgeon's fee.

Although PAs are not specifically listed as providers in state regulations, they are authorized to sign all Workers' Compensation forms.

## **FAQ**

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

Information about Workers' Compensation in Alaska can be found by calling the Division of Workers' Compensation at 907/465-2790 or online at <http://labor.state.ak.us/wc/>. For assistance understanding Workers' Compensation policies, you may also contact the AAPA's reimbursement staff at 703/836-2272, ext. 3218 or 3219.