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Prior authorization chaos is the new normal for spine surgery



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In 2017, the American Medical Association surveyed physicians across all specialties about the amount of time spent by them and their staff on patient prior authorizations. The response was striking. Eighty-six percent of offices reported that their prior authorization activities had increased significantly over the last five years, and the average office was spending two full workdays to receive a prior authorization. [READ MORE](#)

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DWC has updated the OMFS for Physician and Non-Physician Services

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Effective January 1, 2020, the Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has updated the Official Medical Fee Schedule (OMFS) for Physician and Non-Physician Services to:

- Increase reimbursement amounts based on the Medical Economic Index (MEI)
- Adopt the CMS Medicare Relative Value Units (RVUs) for 2020
- Adopt the CMS Medicare billing rules for 2020

Unlike CMS, the DWC does not calculate the reimbursement amount for each CPT code based on your geographic location. COA provides this service.

To order an Excel spreadsheet of the updated Official Medical Fee schedule and the updated coding rules, [click here](#).

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\$250 for Non-Members.

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