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NOTICE OF CHANGE TO THE ARIZONA PHYSICIANS' & PHARMACEUTICAL FEE SCHEDULE

As a follow-up to Commission Action Item No. 3, as described on page 14 in the 2010 Summary of Commission Action regarding the 2010 Fee Schedule (dated August 5, 2010, and available for review on the Commission's website [here](#)), and the receipt of additional public comments (solicited by Notice dated March 8, 2011), the Commission has approved adding the following language to Section B of the Introduction of the 2010 Fee Schedule. The requirements, set forth below, will become effective July 25, 2011.

8. A payer's Explanation of Review (or other similar document) shall contain sufficient information to allow the physician to determine whether the amount of payment is correct and whom to contact regarding any questions related to the payment. Information in the Explanation of Review (or other similar document) shall include the following:
 - a. The name of the injured worker;
 - b. The name of the payer and the name of the third party administrator ("TPA"), if applicable;
 - c. If applicable, the name, telephone number, and address of all entities that reviewed the medical billing on behalf of the payer;
 - d. If applicable, the name, telephone number and address of the party that has a written contract signed by the physician that allows the contracting party or other third party to access and pay rates that are different from those provided under this Fee Schedule;
 - e. The amount billed by the physician;
 - f. The amount of any reduction due to a written contract with the physician; and
 - g. The amount of payment.

9. Nothing in this Fee Schedule precludes a physician from entering into a separate contract that governs fees. In this instance, reimbursement shall be made according to the applicable contracted charge. In the absence of a separate contract that governs a physician's fees, reimbursement shall be made according to this Fee Schedule. A payer shall demonstrate that it is entitled to pay the contracted rate in the event of a dispute. If a payer fails to provide evidence that it is entitled to pay a contracted rate, then the payer shall be required to make payment as provided in this Fee Schedule.