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Department of Labor and Workforce Development	BULLETIN	Number 14-03	Date September 15, 2014
Dianne Blumer Commissioner	SUBJECT REFERENCE	Fees for Out-of-State Medical Treatment and Services Interpretive Bulletin on HB141 and HB316	

HB141 was passed by the legislature on April 20, 2014. It was signed into law on June 23, 2014, and effective on June 24, 2014 (chapter 55 SLA 14). HB316 was passed by the legislature on April 23, 2014, and signed into law on July 8, 2014, with an effective date of July 9, 2014, (chapter 63 SLA 14) for some sections, but with an effective date of July 1, 2015, for section 1 amending AS 23.30.097(a)(1) and AS 23.30.097(j) - (p) added by section 2. Both bills have a provision dealing with the maximum allowable reimbursement rate for out-of-state medical treatment under the Alaska Workers' Compensation Act, AS 23.30.

To reduce confusion, the Division is providing this interpretive bulletin. This bulletin is interpretive only and is not binding on the Division.

For medical treatment or service rendered out of state before July 9, 2014, the maximum allowable fee may not exceed the fee or charge for a treatment or service set by the workers' compensation statutes of the state where the services are rendered.

For medical treatment or service rendered out of state between July 9, 2014, and July 1, 2015, the maximum allowable fee may not exceed the lowest of

- the fee or charge for a treatment or service set by the workers' compensation statutes of the state where the services are rendered; or
- the December 31, 2010, *Official Alaska Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Schedule*.

For medical treatment or service rendered out of state after July 1, 2015, the maximum allowable fee may not exceed the lowest of

- fee or charge for a treatment or service set by the workers' compensation statutes of the state where the services are rendered; or
- the fee schedules established by the Medical Services Review Committee and adopted by the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board.