

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to workers' compensation fees;  
 3           amending s. 440.13, F.S.; revising the maximum  
 4           reimbursement allowance for inpatient hospital care;  
 5           revising a date by which the panel shall approve the  
 6           allowance; revising the maximum compensable charges  
 7           for hospital outpatient care; providing an effective  
 8           date.

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 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (12) of section  
 13 440.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14           440.13 Medical services and supplies; penalty for  
 15 violations; limitations.—

16           (12) CREATION OF THREE-MEMBER PANEL; GUIDES OF MAXIMUM  
 17 REIMBURSEMENT ALLOWANCES.—

18           (a) A three-member panel is created, consisting of the  
 19 Chief Financial Officer, or the Chief Financial Officer's  
 20 designee, and two members to be appointed by the Governor,  
 21 subject to confirmation by the Senate, one member who, on  
 22 account of present or previous vocation, employment, or  
 23 affiliation, shall be classified as a representative of  
 24 employers, the other member who, on account of previous  
 25 vocation, employment, or affiliation, shall be classified as a  
 26 representative of employees. The panel shall determine statewide

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27 | schedules of maximum reimbursement allowances for medically  
28 | necessary treatment, care, and attendance provided by  
29 | physicians, hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, work-  
30 | hardening programs, pain programs, and durable medical  
31 | equipment. The maximum reimbursement allowances for inpatient  
32 | hospital care shall be based on 140 percent of the Medicare  
33 | inpatient prospective payment system ~~a schedule of per diem~~  
34 | ~~rates~~, to be approved by the three-member panel no later than  
35 | October 1, 2015 ~~March 1, 1994~~, to be used in conjunction with a  
36 | precertification manual as determined by the department,  
37 | including maximum hours in which an outpatient may remain in  
38 | observation status, which shall not exceed 23 hours. All  
39 | compensable charges for hospital outpatient care shall be  
40 | reimbursed at 140 percent of the Medicare inpatient prospective  
41 | payment system ~~75 percent of usual and customary charges~~, except  
42 | as otherwise provided by this subsection. Annually, the three-  
43 | member panel shall adopt schedules of maximum reimbursement  
44 | allowances for physicians, hospital inpatient care, hospital  
45 | outpatient care, ambulatory surgical centers, work-hardening  
46 | programs, and pain programs. An individual physician, hospital,  
47 | ambulatory surgical center, pain program, or work-hardening  
48 | program shall be reimbursed either the agreed-upon contract  
49 | price or the maximum reimbursement allowance in the appropriate  
50 | schedule.

51 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.