STATE OF NEW YORK
WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD
20 PARK STREET
ALBANY, NY 12207

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ROBERT R. SNASHALL
CHAIRMAN

May 3, 1999

TO: Insurance Carriers and Self-Insured Employers
           Providing Benefits Under the Workers' Compensation Law,
           Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law and Volunteer
           Ambulance Workers' Benefit Law

SUBJECT: Ambulatory Surgery Fee Schedule (1998)

This is to inform you that the Workers' Compensation Board has issued updated Ambulatory Surgery Fee Schedule.

This schedule has been adopted pursuant to Section 13, subdivision (a) of the Workers' Compensation Law and constitute Sections 329.4 and 329.5 of Title 12 of the Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York. The schedule covers ambulatory surgery charges rendered on or after January 1, 1998 for services to patients under the Workers' Compensation Law, the Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law, the Volunteer Ambulance Workers' Benefit Law and the Comprehensive Motor Vehicle Reparations Act.

The schedule was prepared using the New York State Products of Ambulatory Surgery (PAS) methodology with the reimbursement level set at 150% of the rate promulgated by the New York State Health Department for Medicaid patients.

Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgery Centers may request retroactive adjustment on all bills rendered in calendar year 1998. Requests for retroactive payment will be subject to interest at the rate of 9 percent per annum, if such payment is not made within 45 days of receipt of the bill by the carrier.

The Ambulatory Surgery Fee Schedule will also be available on a diskette (3 1/2 inch format) for a nominal fee of $20.00. You may order the diskette version of this schedule by writing to the Workers' Compensation Board, 20 Park Street, Albany, New York 12207 Attention: Publications Unit. Checks must be made payable to the Chairman Workers' Compensation Board.

Ambulatory Fee Schedule information is also available on the Internet. The Workers' Compensation Board web site location is http://www.wcb.state.ny.us. If you have any questions regarding the implementation of this schedule, please contact the Health Provider Administration Office at 1-800-781-2362.

                              Robert R. Snashall
                              Chairman

May 3, 1999

TO: Hospitals Providing Ambulatory Surgery Services
                Licensed Free Standing Ambulatory Surgery Centers

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Enclosed are the updated reimbursement schedules for your facility. If you have any questions regarding the implementation of this schedule, please contact the Health Provider Administration Office at 1-800-781-2362.

Robert R. Snashall
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