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Dear Doctor,

**State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) 2019 medical fees schedules for
General Practitioners**

I am writing to advise you of the gazettal of new maximum rates for medical practitioners, applicable for services provided on and after 1 January 2019.

The 2019 Medical Practitioners Fees Order and a two-page summary of the main item numbers used by General Practitioners will be available via the [SIRA list of publications](#) webpage prior to 1 January 2019.

In the 2019 Medical Practitioner Fees Order, practitioners are reminded that to bill an AMA item, they must be confident they have fulfilled the service requirements specified in the item descriptor. This is particularly relevant when differentiating between Level B (AA020), Level C (AA030) and Level D (AA040) consultations, noting services provided by medical practitioners in the NSW workers compensation system are complexity-based, not time-based. It is also important to note out-of-hours services payment rates only apply in an emergency where the consultation is conducted outside the advertised hours of the clinic and where urgent medical treatment is provided.

I would like to highlight that where medical records are maintained electronically by a medical practitioner/practice, a flat fee of \$60 applies for provision of all requested clinical records held by the medical practice. This fee has been a substantial increase from last year's fee of \$38.

If you have any enquiries about the medical fees, please email contact@sira.nsw.gov.au or call SIRA Customer Experience on 13 10 50.

Yours sincerely,

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