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Dear Doctor,

State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) 2019 medical fees schedules for Surgeons

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

The maximum rates gazetted for medical consultations and procedures are as contained in the *AMA List of Medical Services and Fees* dated 1 November 2018, unless otherwise specified in the *Workers Compensation (Surgeon Fees) Order 2019*.

The updated Surgeons Fees Orders will be available on the SIRA website prior to 1 January 2019 via the [SIRA list of publications](#) webpage.

Please note: From 1 January 2019, all requests for spinal surgery in the NSW workers compensation system must be submitted in accordance with the new spinal surgery codes (MZ731 to MZ871).

Insurers will still be able to process invoices submitted under the old neurosurgical (LT045 to LT275) and orthopaedic (MQ305 to MQ455, and MT010 to MT342) spinal surgical codes for surgery performed up to and including 31 December 2018.

Medical practitioners are reminded that to bill an AMA item, they must be confident they have fulfilled the service requirements as specified in the item descriptor. Where a comprehensive item is used, separate items cannot be claimed for any of the individual items included in the comprehensive service.

Surgeons are reminded that for surgical procedures they may bill 150% of the AMA List fee for the primary item number only.

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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