



Date: 15 December 2017

Email: contact@sira.nsw.gov.au

Dear Doctor,

**State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) 2018 medical fees schedules for
Specialist Medical Practitioners**

I am writing to advise you of the gazettal of new maximum rates for medical practitioners, which are applicable for services provided on and after 1 January 2018.

The Fees Order, including a two page summary of the main item numbers used by General Practitioners is attached.

In the 2018 Medical Practitioner Fees Order, 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. This is particularly relevant for differentiation 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.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Catherine Day'.

Catherine Day
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