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<p>Department of Labor and Workforce Development</p>	<p align="center">BULLETIN</p>	<p align="center">Number 21-02 (REVISED)</p>	<p align="center">Date February 01, 2021</p>
<p align="center">Dr. Tamika L. Ledbetter Commissioner</p>	<p>SUBJECT</p> <p>REFERENCE</p>	<p>Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services PC Pricer</p> <p>8 AAC 45.083</p>	

This bulletin provides guidance for providers associated with medical billing based on Official Alaska Workers' Compensation Fee Schedule effective January 1, 2021.

This guidance is provided to clarify the conflicts brought about by changes at Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, (CMS). The Official Alaska Workers' Compensation Fee Schedule effective January 1, 2021 states the maximum allowable reimbursement for inpatient hospital care, is calculated using the CMS PC Pricer available on January 1, 2021. Due to changes at CMS the Inpatient PC Pricer was not updated until after January 1, 2021, but was replaced by the IPPS Web Pricer.

CMS has explained:

Inpatient PPS PC Pricer

Now Available: Fiscal Year 2021 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Web Pricer

Providers and other payers use PC Pricer applications to estimate Medicare payments. Over the next year, CMS will stop producing new versions of the downloadable PC Pricers and issue them as web-based applications.

The IPPS Web Pricer may be accessed via the following link: <https://webpricer.cms.gov/#/pricer/ipps>

For the best user experience, access the IPPS Web Pricer through Google Chrome. You may also access it through Microsoft Edge, or Mozilla Firefox. Microsoft Internet Explorer is not supported.

We need your feedback, please email PCPricers@cms.hhs.gov, with the subject line "IPPS Web Pricer Feedback" with your comments or suggestions for the new IPPS Web Pricer.

This Bulletin serves notice of the proper Prospective Payment System authorized as 8 AAC 45.083.

The Web Pricer shall be used in lieu of the PC Pricer for 2021.

If you have questions regarding the information in this bulletin, please contact the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Workers' Compensation Division at (907) 269-4980, or by email at workerscomp@alaska.gov.