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**The following amendment is made to The Georgia Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Schedule of April 1, 2005 and July 1, 2005 Hospital Fee Schedule, adopted by the State Board of Workers' Compensation and will be effective January 1, 2006.**

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#### **SECTION IV: General Reimbursement Requirements**

##### **IMPAIRMENT EVALUATION**

The basis to permanent impairment should be the *Guide to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment*, Fifth Edition, published by the American Medical Association (AMA). Permanent partial impairment (PPI) applies to any measurable, objective loss of function of some part of the body after the stage of maximum medical improvement (MMI) has been reached and the condition is stationary. The authorized treating physician shall complete Board form WC-20 (a) Medical Report or the CMS-1500 form and submit the form to the employer/insurer when a permanent partial disability rating is determined. If a physical examination is necessary, **evaluation and management code 99455** must be used in billing an impairment rating, **and no other evaluation and management code can be used along with 99455 when billing for impairment ratings performed by the authorized treating physician.**

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#### **SECTION V: Evaluation and Management, Disability Examination.**

<u>CPT Code:</u>	<u>Description:</u>	<u>MAR:</u>	<u>FUD:</u>
99455	Work-Related/Med Disability Exam by Treating Physician	<b>\$138.85</b>	XXX