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The following amendment is made to the April 1, 2008 Georgia Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Schedule, adopted by the State Board of Workers' Compensation and will be effective immediately.

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SECTION IV: General Reimbursement Requirements

Interpretation/Translation

In circumstances where an interpreter/translator is required during face-to-face evaluation and management services provided to the injured worker by a physician or PE, add modifier 21 to the E/M codes **only**. Reimbursement will be an additional **25 percent** of the lesser of billed charges or maximum allowable rate of that code. Prolonged service codes may not be used in combination with this modifier unless it is documented that the reason for the code is additional time required as a result of factors beyond the need for an interpreter. **Additional reimbursement as outlined above does not apply to independent medical evaluations (IME)**. (The remainder of the language under this section stays unchanged.)