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**The following amendment is made to The Georgia Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Schedule of April 1, 2016, adopted by the State Board of Workers' Compensation and shall be effective December 13, 2016.**

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#### **Section XV: Outpatient Services – Hospital/ASC**

##### **Subsection A: Payment Ground Rules for Outpatient Services – Hospital/ASC**

###### **Reimbursement Methodology** (Red indicates changes.)

Unless otherwise indicated in this Outpatient Services – Hospital/ASC, Section XV, the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Medicare Rules and Guidelines shall be applicable. In the event of a conflict between Medicare Hospital OPPS guidelines and the Georgia Workers' Compensation Act, *The Georgia Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Schedule* shall apply. The Medicare Hospital OPPS guidelines are the primary resource for rules governing payment of hospital outpatient and ambulatory surgical center (ASC) fees. Reimbursement shall be ~~made~~ **calculated** at the lesser of **total** billed charges or the outpatient maximum allowable reimbursement (OP MAR) of this fee schedule's guidelines and OPPS Medicare Rules and Guidelines. **Note that lesser of calculations shall *not* be applied at the line level.**

**The remainder of this section is unchanged as published in the April 1, 2016 fee schedule.**