

51505.1 Podiatry Services

(a)

Reimbursement for podiatry services shall be the usual charges made to the general public not to exceed the maximum reimbursement rates listed in this section for each procedure performed by a podiatrist.

(b)

Except as provided in subsections (d), (e), (f), and (g), of this section, the maximum reimbursement rates for podiatry services shall be the amount listed for podiatry services in the "Schedule of Medi-Cal Physician Rates," incorporated by reference in its entirety in Section 51503(b).

(c)

As used in (b), a given procedure listed in the "Schedule of Medi-Cal Physician Rates" means those procedures which are a benefit of the Medi-Cal program as determined by the Department.

(d)

The maximum reimbursement for "By Report" or procedures not listed in the "Schedule of Medi-Cal Physician Rates" shall be based upon a review of such procedures to determine their relationship to other procedures for which unit reimbursement rates are established.

(e)

The maximum reimbursement rate for professional services for injections shall be

determined in accordance with 51503(e).

(f)

Pathology tests shall be reimbursed in accordance with the provisions of Section 51529.

(g)

Podiatry services provided under the California Children's Services program shall be reimbursed at rates which are 39.7 percent greater than the Medi-Cal rate which would otherwise be applicable.