

# Workers Compensation Lawyer Coalition Addresses New Medical Fee Schedule Impact on Sandy Springs Corporate Employees

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Workers Compensation Lawyer Coalition announced today its response to the Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation's April 1, 2025 medical fee schedule update, which increased base reimbursement rates for inpatient treatment and home health nursing services, creating new dynamics for injured workers at Sandy Springs' major corporate headquarters.

The updated fee schedule includes increased base rates on inpatient Medicare severity diagnosis-related group codes, with registered nurses now reimbursed at $58.58 per hour on weekdays and $68.61 per hour on weekends and holidays. Combined with Georgia's 2026 maximum weekly workers' compensation benefit increase to $875 per week, these changes significantly raise the financial stakes in workers' compensation claims for Sandy Springs' largest employers.

Sandy Springs serves as home to the North American headquarters of Mercedes-Benz USA, the global

operations center of UPS, and the headquarters of Cox Enterprises, collectively employing tens of thousands of workers in office, logistics, and technology roles. These Fortune 500 employers maintain sophisticated insurance defense operations with dedicated teams managing workers' compensation claims through self-insured programs. WCL ATL Sandy Springs workers' compensation lawyer services help injured workers navigate these complex regulatory changes while facing employer-selected physician opinions and insurance company challenges.

"The April 2025 fee schedule update fundamentally changes the economics of workers' compensation claims at Sandy Springs' major corporate employers," said a spokesperson for Workers Compensation Lawyer Coalition. "As authorized medical treatment costs rise, we're seeing UPS, Mercedes-Benz, Cox Enterprises and similar corporations deploy more aggressive strategies through their employer-selected physicians and early maximum medical improvement designations. Unrepresented workers facing these sophisticated insurance defense operations need experienced legal guidance to protect their benefit rights."

The Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation serves more than 250,000 employers and 3.8 million workers statewide. Sandy Springs, as the most populous city in Fulton County outside Atlanta proper, represents one of the highest concentrations of large self-insured and Fortune 500 employers in the state.

Under Georgia workers' compensation law, injured workers must report workplace injuries to their employer within 30 days and seek treatment from physicians on the employer's posted Panel of Physicians. Large Sandy Springs corporate employers and their insurers enforce these requirements strictly, and workers who bypass them risk losing their benefits entirely.

The diverse workforce at Sandy Springs' corporate headquarters faces distinct injury patterns. Office workers experience repetitive stress injuries and ergonomic disorders, healthcare employees at local facilities encounter occupational diseases and patient handling injuries, while distribution center workers sustain warehouse and logistics-related injuries. Georgia workers' compensation settlements for herniated disc or surgical injuries typically range from $50,000 to $200,000 or more, while minor sprain claims settle in the $10,000 to $30,000 range.

The Georgia SBWC also updated its WC-207 medical release authorization form, effective July 1, 2025, incorporating new language restricting disclosure of reproductive health information under updated HIPAA Privacy Rule provisions. This procedural change affects how medical records are gathered in all active Georgia workers' compensation claims. The network connects Sandy Springs workers' compensation lawyer representation with employees who need experienced advocacy from the first report of injury through final settlement or maximum medical improvement determination.

Workers Compensation Lawyer Coalition is a network of workers' compensation law firms representing injured workers throughout Georgia, including Sandy Springs, Atlanta, Augusta, and surrounding communities. The coalition handles workers' compensation claims, benefit disputes, maximum medical improvement challenges, and appeals before the Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation on a contingency fee basis.

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