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Fee-for-time compensation arrangements for substitute physicians.

(A) Definitions.

(1) "Physician," for purposes of this rule, is a collective term for the following professionals:

(a) Doctor of medicine;

(b) Doctor of osteopathy;

(c) Doctor of podiatric medicine; or

(d) Optometrist.

(2) "Regular physician" is a physician who is an eligible provider, as defined by rule 5160-1-17 of the Administrative Code, and regularly takes care of an individual's health needs.

(3) "Substitute physician" is a physician who generally does not maintain an individual practice and who works in place of a regular physician under a fee-for-time arrangement when the regular physician is absent.

(B) Coverage and limitations.

(1) Payment may be made to the regular physician for services rendered by a substitute physician only when the following conditions are met:

(a) The regular physician is expected to be absent for a period of not longer than sixty days unless there are extenuating circumstances (e.g., active duty in the armed forces);

(b) The substitute physician has the status of an independent contractor rather than of an employee; and

(c) The substitute physician receives payment from the regular physician as a fixed amount per diem or on a similar fee-for-time basis.

(2) Payment will not be made under a fee-for-time compensation arrangement for services rendered by practitioners other than physicians.

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