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## **SYNOPSIS**

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Key words: medical rates benchmarking, medical costs, medical utilisation

**Purpose of your paper:** To benchmark medical rates between injury schemes within and between jurisdictions, and assess the potential cost impact of alternate rate structures. This paper will outline areas of further investigation/action that could be considered by schemes.

**Synopsis:** This presentation will outline differences in medical schedule rates of injury schemes in different jurisdictions and the concomitant cost impacts on a base scenario. Consequences and cost impacts of scheme features will be discussed.

This presentation will outline pros and cons of a national schedule of benefits and assess the difficulties in achieving such a system.

This presentation will also describe differences in activities of medical providers, regulatory structures of each scheme and potential utilisation of medicals and attendant care. It will also consider the data collected from each scheme and outcome measurement requirements for medical providers.

In identified areas of differences, we will outline options for further investigation or action for each scheme to improve scheme performance and medical outcomes for present/future claimants.

The analysis will be conducted on publicly available information published by the schemes, other information provided by the schemes and via interview with scheme managers.