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## **Illinois Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Advisory Board Policy for Sections 8(a)/8.2: Employer to Pay Medical Expenses**

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As used in this section, a negotiated rate of a contract\* for medical, surgical and hospital services is applicable, if the employer or any of its agents, and the health care provider, have a contract that covers the services provided to the employer's employee as required under the Act. In the absence of such a contract, the employer or its agent shall pay the lesser of the health care provider's actual charges or the published fee schedule. Any attempt to override the existing rate of an existing contract with the lesser of the health care provider's actual charges or the published fee schedule is prohibited.

*\*including but not limited to preferred provider organizations (PPO's), managed care plans or health care network arrangements.*