

***Workers' Compensation
Medical Services Review Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2020***

I. Call to order

Director Mitchell, Chair of the Medical Services Review Committee, called the Committee to order at 10:03 am on Wednesday, May 20, 2020. Due to concerns related to the COVID-19 public health disaster, the meeting was held by telephone and video conference.

II. Roll call

Director Mitchell conducted a roll call. The following Committee members were present, constituting a quorum:

Vince Beltrami	Dr. Mary Ann Foland	Jennifer House	Timothy Kanady
Susan Kosinski	Pam Scott	Misty Steed	

Member Hall was excused. Director Mitchell introduced senior staff present, and Carla Gee with Optum.

III. Approval of Agenda

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by member Beltrami and seconded by member Steed. The agenda was adopted unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

Barbara Williams - representing Injured Workers' Alliance

- Shared recent difficulties with the SIME process.

Heather Johnson - representing self

- Complaint about the SIME process and shared difficulties with a recent SIME.

Eric McDonald - representing self

- Complaint about the SIME process and shared difficulties with a recent SIME.

Director Mitchell clarified that the purpose of MSRC is to assist and advise the department and the board in matters involving the appropriateness, necessity and cost of medical and related services provided under the Workers' Compensation Act. While this does not explicitly include SIMEs, it is a periphery matter and the MSRC could potentially make recommendations for the Workers' Compensation Board to take action on.

V. Fee Schedule Guidelines Development Discussion

Director Mitchell provided an update on the drug formulary workgroup established by the Workers' Compensation Board.

The committee began to discuss the list of 2021 Fee Schedule Issues, and which topics they would focus on for this year.

Lunch 11:25am -1:02pm

The Committee continued to discuss the list of issues for the year.

The Committee discussed concerns with physicians providing a default 'lifetime' transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) supplies and the committee felt that the need should be accessed annually.

The Committee discussed the COVID-19 pandemic, and considered actions they might take.

Member Steed motioned to move the August 7th meeting to August 11th, member Beltrami seconded. The motion passes unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2020. This meeting will be telephonic for those members outside of Anchorage.

A motion to adjourn was made by member Beltrami and seconded by member Foland. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 2:58 pm