

*Medical Services Review Committee /
Workers' Compensation Board
Special Joint Meeting
Meeting Minutes*

August 27, 2021

I. Call to order

Workers' Compensation Director Charles Collins called the MSRC and Board to order at 9:05 am on Friday, August 27, 2021. This meeting was held in-person in Anchorage, Alaska, and by tele/video conference.

II. Roll call

Director Collins conducted roll call of the Board. The following Board members were present, constituting a quorum:

Randy Beltz	Pamela Cline	Micheal Dennis	Bob Doyle
Sara Faulkner	Bronson Frye	Christina Gilbert	Anthony Ladd
Sarah Lefebvre	Jason Motyka	Robert Weel	Lake Williams

Director Collins noted that members Brad Austin and Nancy Shaw were excused.

Director Collins conducted a roll call of the MSRC. The following Committee members were present, constituting a quorum:

Vince Beltrami	Dr. Mary Ann Foland	Jennifer House	Susan Kosinski
Dr. Mason McCloskey	Pam Scott	Misty Steed	

Member Dr. Robert Hall was excused.

III. Agenda Approval

A motion to approve the agenda was made by WC Board member Cline and seconded by MSRC member Steed. The agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

IV. Approval of MSRC August 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes

A motion to adopt the minutes from August 6, 2021 meeting was made by MSRC member Foland and seconded by MSRC member House. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

V. Approval of joint Board/MSRC August 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes

A motion to adopt the minutes from the August 28, 2020 special joint meeting of the Board and MSRC was made by WC Board member Beltz and seconded by WC Board member Weel. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. MSRC's Presentation of Recommendations to Board

The MSRC, through Carla Gee and Nanette Orme with Optum, presented its recommendation to the Board. Carla walked through the track changes version of the draft 2022 Fee Schedule.

Break 9:58 – 10:16am

VII. Public Comment Period 10:15am- 11:15am

Lisa Andreozi, representing Med Data (a bill review company)

- Raised concern with the change to the CMS Web Pricer for Inpatient Hospital billing.
- Explained that The CMS Pricer tool is updated periodically through the year and does not remain static. An individual using the Pricer in January may come to a different final number than a user in June, even when using the same dates of service.

VIII. MSRC's Presentation of Recommendations to Board Cont.

In response to the public comment received, the board and committee discussed the CMS Web Pricer. The MSRC members were not previously aware of this potential issue, and they stated their intent to review this during the 2022 MSRC meetings.

The MSRC stated their intent to continue looking into treatment guidelines and drug formulary.

Member Cline moved to approve the proposed 2022 Medical Fee Schedule and member Doyle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Proposed Regulation Changes

Amend 8 AAC 45.083, relating to fees for medical treatment and services. Member Dennis moved to approve the amendment of 8 AAC 45.083, and member Weel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The MSRC and Board discussed dates for the 2022 Special Joint meeting. Member Weel motioned to hold the 2022 joint meeting on August 26, 2022. Member Beltz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by member Doyle and seconded by member Beltz. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 11:22am