

***Workers' Compensation
Medical Services Review Committee
Meeting Minutes***

June 18, 2021

I. Call to order

Director Collins, Chair of the Medical Services Review Committee, called the Committee to order at 9:01 am on Friday, June 18, 2021. The meeting was held by telephone and video conference.

II. Roll call

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

Vince Beltrami	Dr. Mary Ann Foland	Dr. Robert Hall	Jennifer House
Susan Kosinski	Pam Scott	Misty Steed	

Member House arrived after roll call. Director Collins introduced senior staff present, and Carla Gee and Nan Orme with Optum.

III. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by member Beltrami and seconded by member Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Review of Minutes

A motion to approve the May 21, 2021 meeting minutes was made by member Hall and seconded by member Steed. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Fee Schedule Guidelines Development Discussion

The committee continued discussion of the public health emergency code, 99072, and whether the code needed to be clarified for future use. Members agreed that it would be difficult to make an effective change without historical data, and they felt the issue may resolve itself as the pandemic ends. The committee chose not to take action on the issue, and to continue to allow the code to be billed at 85% of billed charges.

Carla Gee answered questions regarding orthopedic codes. The 2021 Fee Schedule lowered the conversion factor by 5%, however CMS raised the value by 2%, resulting in a 3% decrease overall.

The committee stated their intent to discuss conversion factors at a future meeting.

Carla presented proposed changes for the 2022 Fee Schedule.

The committee discussed whether to adopt xxxxU, xxxxM, and xxxxA codes, relating to COVID-19 vaccinations. Vaccinations are generally not covered under Workers' Compensation, however member Scott noted that if an employer requires an employee to become vaccinated and that employee has a reaction, the reaction is compensable. The

committee chose to remain silent on the issue and allow the codes to default to 85% of billed charges.

The committee discussed whether to update pricer language to mirror CMS. The 2021 fee schedule uses the word carrier, while CMS uses the word contractor. The committee chose to update the fee schedule terminology to match CMS.

The committee discussed language in the surgery section of the fee schedule regarding billing for advanced practice registered nurses. The committee tabled this issue to take action at a future meeting.

VI. Public Comment

Allison Leigh - representing self

- Asked about a specific Workers' Compensation case.

Break 10:37 am - 10:50 am

VII. Fee Schedule Guidelines Development Discussion Continued

Member Beltrami commented on the inappropriate, bullying, and threatening nature of the public comment that was made by one individual at this meeting and at prior meetings, and stated his support in not allowing that individual's participation at future meetings of the MSRC. Director Collins' commented on the Division's legal ability to ban a member of the public from a public meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2021. This meeting will be held in-person, and by telephone and video conference. A motion to adjourn was made by member Beltrami and seconded by member Steed. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 11:25 am