

***Workers' Compensation
Medical Services Review Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2021***

I. Call to order

Director Collins, Chair of the Medical Services Review Committee, called the Committee to order at 9:02 am on Friday, July 16, 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
Mason McCloskey	Pam Scott	Misty Steed	

Member Susan Kosinski was excused 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 Foland. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Review of Minutes

A motion to approve the June 18, 2021 meeting minutes was made by member Beltrami and seconded by member Foland. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Fee Schedule Guidelines Development Discussion

Carla Gee with Optum presented proposed changes for the 2022 Alaska Medical Fee Schedule.

The committee discussed and agreed upon clarified language for the Durable Medical Equipment section.

The committee began discussion of conversion factors. Similar to their approach in developing the 2021 conversion factors, members agreed that they did not want to make any significant reductions that could negatively impact the medical community, who continue to face hardship due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The committee members agreed that intend to leave the primary care type codes alone and only make small reductions to the outliers. Member Foland agreed to speak with the radiology community and Member Hall agreed to speak with the ASC community to get feedback on possible impacts of a reduction and to see what percentage of their business is workers' compensation.

Member Steed requested that the Committee discuss utilization during the 2022 MSRC season. The committee discussed what sort of data they would need to make the discussion meaningful. Director Collins agreed to speak with NCCI about what data they might be able to provide.

VI. Public Comment

- No public comment was made.

VII. Fee Schedule Guidelines Development Discussion Continued

The next meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2021. This meeting will be held by telephone and video conference. A motion to adjourn was made by member Steed and seconded by member House. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 11:15 am