

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

May 31, 2023

I. Call to order

Director of Workers' Compensation Charles Collins, Chair of the Medical Services Review Committee, called the Committee to order at 1:02 pm on Friday, May 31, 2023. The meeting was held in Anchorage, Alaska, and by video conference.

II. Roll call

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

Dr. Mary Ann Foland	Jeffery Gilbert	Susan Kosinski	Mason McCloskey
Valerie Mittelstead	Jeffery Moore	Pam Scott	Misty Steed

III. Approval of Agenda

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

IV. Fee Schedule Guidelines Development Discussion

Director Collins presented the 2023 NCCI Analysis of the Alaska Workers' Compensation Fee Schedule.

The Committee discussed issues regarding treatment plans. It was suggested to reference or link the applicable statutes and regulations in the Fee Schedule. Further discussion on the billing by Chiropractors of codes not listed in the Medical Fee Schedule with a consensus of supporting the billing of codes as guided by the Alaska Statutes dealing with Chiropractors.

Break 2:03 pm – 2:13 pm

V. Public Comment

Debbie Ryan – Alaska Chiropractic Society

- Offered to hold a Lunch and Learn Zoom with training by AK WC and to also have training on even years at the Alaska Chiropractic Society Conventions.
- Offered to include a “Work Comp Corner” in the Society’s quarterly newsletter, that they would fill with any guidance the Board might want to share.

VI. Fee Schedule Guidelines Development Discussion, continued

The committee discussed hearing aid reimbursement language and conversion factors.

Director Collins reminded the members that the next meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2023, at 9:00 am. A motion to adjourn was made by member Kosinski and seconded by member Steed. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 3:29 pm