

***Workers' Compensation
Medical Services Review Committee
Meeting Minutes***
June 24, 2022

I. Call to order

Director of Workers' Compensation Charles Collins, Chair of the Medical Services Review Committee, called the Committee to order at 9:03 am on Wednesday, June 24, 2022. Due to concerns related to the COVID-19 public health disaster, 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:

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

Director Collins introduced senior staff present, and Carla Gee and Nan Orme with Optum.

III. Approval of Agenda

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

IV. Review of Minutes

The August 6, 2021 minutes were previously approved at the August 27, 2021 joint meeting. There were no minutes to approve.

V. Director's Report

Director Collins provided an overview of the NCCI Alaska Medical Data Report, dated September 2021, the NCCI Analysis of Alaska Medical Fee Schedule Changes, Dated February 24, 2022, and the Alaska Workers' Compensation Utilization Report.

Break 10:00 am – 10:15 am

VI. Public Comment

No public comment was made

VII. Fee Schedule Guidelines Development Discussion

Member Foland commented that the committee had previously expressed interest in focusing on Utilization.

In response to public comment received at prior MSRC meetings, member Kosinski commented that she had not heard of any issues regarding access to care for work related injuries.

Carla Gee and Nan Orme from Optum provided an overview of the Alaska Medical Fee Schedule and noted areas that could be clarified. Nan will provide proposed language updates and relative value changes that may affect the Conversion Factors.

The committee discussed utilization. Carla will provide utilization data at a future meeting. Member McCloskey will also provide information regarding utilization of chiropractic codes.

The Committee discussed Evidence Based Medicine and Drug Formulary. Member Steed suggested that the Workers' Compensation Board and MSRC reinstate the Evidence Based Medicine Work Group. Member Foland suggested that the Board provide specific areas of concern before the Work Group resumes.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2022. A motion to adjourn was made by Member Scott and seconded by Member Steed. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 11:59 am