

Workers' Compensation Oversight Panel
September 18, 2016

MINUTES

Location: Department of Labor Fox Valley Annex

Called to Order: 4:10 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Theodore Becker, Jr., Douglas Briggs, Glenn Brown, Edward Capodanno, James Downing, Matthew Eppley, Anthony Frabizzio, , Leslie Ledogar, Joseph Rhoades, Bruce Rudin, Theresa Smith, Karryl McManus. **Administration:** Julie Petroff, Stephanie Parker, Oliver Cleary, Susan Justison: Alan Schwartz: OptumInsight (via telephone).

Record of Votes Taken:

1. Motion to approve minutes from May 8th, 2017 Oversight Panel meeting. The Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
2. Motion to approve the redraft of the Data Collection proposal with changes recommended by the Insurance Commissioner. The Motion was seconded and approved with 10 "Ayes" and 1 "Nay".
3. Motion to support change to the system to allow Prosthetics to operate at the Medicare level if the matter is not resolved by modifying the current Fee Schedule. Motion seconded and unanimously approved.
4. Motion to approve moving the responsibility of Rate Payer advocate back to the Insurance Commissioner. The Motion was not seconded and was not voted on.

Actions Agreed Upon:

1. Carla and Alan to reconcile data from DCRB to more accurately determine the adjustments to Fee Schedule with reference to Prosthetics.
2. Carla and Alan to determine if there are any other procedures or fees being reimbursed below Medicare.
3. Topic of Medical Marijuana to be assigned to the Fee Schedule and Practice Guideline Subcommittees.

Public Comment:

In Attendance: John Ruser (WCRI), Bruce Wood (ATA), Vincent Cardinale, DCRB-Bonnie Piacentino, William Taylor and John Pedrick, AIA-Eric Godberg and Taylor Cosby, Independence P.O.-Carly Cagle, Jenn Demby, Rachel Beeson, J.T. Scott, Perry Price, Leandro Espinal and John Horne, Rebecca Kidner, P.A., Nancy Egan (PCIAA)

1. Vincent Cardinale commented HB 166 is denying him the right to get the right services for his prosthetic leg.
2. Eric Goldberg introduced Bruce Wood who commented that data collection by the Paenl would be an ill advised use of the Panel's time. Sets the Panel up as a data repository. Would be potential conflicts with the Insurance industry. WCRI are data experts. Embrace a WCRI study and ongoing analysis of WC system and to benchmark with other states. On medical marijuana – highly inappropriate to talk about how to reimburse for a drug that is illegal under Federal law and need to think about the position any mandate would put payors in. Premature to talk about reimbursement for something that can't be prescribed and that is clearly illegal.
3. Rebecca Kidner commented that PCI opposes enlarging the data collection process of this group. They are supportive of moving the Rate Payer advocate back to the Insurance department. Feel the discussion of medical marijuana is “putting the proverbial cart before the horse”. Conflict of law with the federal and the state.
4. John Ruser commented that WCRI has a lot of experience collecting data that would be helpful to the panel. Would be able to provide a study and benchmarks.
5. John Pedrick commented that data collection is a resource intensive process. Open to meet with Panel to determine what information the DCRB can provide.
6. John Horne commented that has been to legislative hall and met with Senator Bushweller and has the support of the Insurance Commissioner. Strongly urge and hope for support in justifying changes to the Fee Schedule.
7. William Taylor commented that WCRI's data collection is complementary to what the DCRB has to offer.

Adjourned: 6:05 p.m.

Future Panel Meeting Dates – DOL Fox Valley Annex:

None scheduled at this time

Future Subcommittee Meeting Dates:

Fee Schedule & Data Collection Subcommittees

None scheduled at this time