

***Workers' Compensation
Medical Services Review Committee
Meeting Minutes***
August 6, 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, August 6, 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:

Dr. Mary Ann Foland	Jennifer House	Susan Kosinski	Mason McCloskey
Pam Scott	Misty Steed		

Members Vince Beltrami and Dr. Robert Hall were excused. 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 Kosinski and seconded by member Foland. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Review of Minutes

A motion to approve the July 16, 2021 meeting minutes was made by member Kosinski 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 conversion factors. Member Kosinski motioned to reduce the radiology and surgery conversion factors by 5%, and member Scott second the motion.

Member Scott called for reconsideration of the motion and suggested that radiology be reduced by 10% rather than 5%. Member Kosinski amended her motion to reduce the radiology by 10% and surgery by 5%. Dr. Foland seconded the amended motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee discussed the overutilization of CPT code 92630 by one provider. Member Foland motioned to add CPT codes 92630 and 92633 to the list of not separately reimbursed services, under the hearing aid section of the Fee Schedule. Member House seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. Public Comment

- No public comment was made.

VII. Fee Schedule Guidelines Development Discussion Continued

The committee discussed dates for the 2022 MSRC meetings. In 2022 the MSRC will meet on May 20, June 24, July 15, and August 5. Member Steed made a motion to approve the dates and member House seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The committee proposed the 2022 joint meeting to be held on August 26, pending approval by the Workers' Compensation Board.

Member Foland motioned to approve the 2022 Fee Schedule as discussed and amended, and member Scott seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2021. This will be a joint meeting of the joint MSRC and Workers' Compensation Board. This meeting will be held in a hybrid in-person and video/tele conference environment. A motion to adjourn was made by member Scott and seconded by member House. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 11:19 am