

***Workers' Compensation  
Medical Services Review Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
July 27, 2018***

**I. Call to order**

Director Marx, acting as Chair of the Medical Services Review Committee, called the Committee to order at 10:02 am on Friday, July 27, 2018, in Anchorage, Alaska.

**II. Roll call**

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

Vince Beltrami  
Tammi Lindsey

Dr. Mary Ann Foland  
Misty Steed

Jennifer House  
Dr. Christopher Twiford

Members Pamla Scott and Dr. Robert Hall were excused.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

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

**IV. Review of Minutes**

The July 13, 2018 minutes were unanimously adopted by the committee.

**V. Fee Schedule Guidelines Development Discussion**

The committee reviewed the Draft MSRC July 27, 2018 Report. One grammatical error was noted and will be corrected. A motion to approve the draft report as corrected was made by member Beltrami and seconded by member Foland. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Public Comment**

Christopher Frost - United Physical Therapy

- Requested that the committee revisit Physical Therapy billing codes.
- Reiterated that physical therapy codes are primarily used by physical therapists.
- Stated that Alaska does not conform to CMS Guidelines for these codes.

**VII. Fee Schedule Guidelines Development Discussion**

The committee reviewed additional changes that had been made to the Alaska Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Schedule since the previous meeting.

The committee revisited the issue of hearing aid hardware payment rules. A note will be added to clarify that hearing aid hardware should be billed at 130% of the manufacturer or suppliers invoice, rather than the provider invoice.

A Motion to approve the Alaska Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Schedule with the one change noted above was made by member Beltrami, and seconded by member Foland. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

The committee discussed the schedule and agenda items for 2019. The MSRC has tentatively scheduled the following meetings in 2019: June 14, July 12, August 2, and August 16.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2018. This will be a joint meeting of the MSRC and Workers' Compensation Board, and will be held in-person.

*Meeting Adjourned 11:10am*