

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

June 21, 2019

I. Call to order

Director Mitchell, acting as Chair of the Medical Services Review Committee, called the Committee to order at 10:02 am on Friday, June 21, 2019, in Anchorage, Alaska.

II. Roll call

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

Vince Beltrami	Dr. Mary Ann Foland	Timothy Kanady	Tammi Lindsey
Pam Scott	Misty Steed	Jennifer House	

Members Hall and Newcombe were absent.

III. Introduction of New Members and Guests

Director Mitchell introduced new committee members.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was adopted unanimously.

V. Review of Minutes

The minutes from the prior committee meeting were approved at the joint meeting of the MSRC and the Workers' Compensation Board on 8/10/2018. There were no minutes pending approval.

VI. Fee Schedule Guidelines Development Discussion

Carla Gee provided an overview of fee schedule issues that the committee may choose to address.

VII. Public Comment

Dr. James Alex - representing Algone Sports and Regenerative Medicine

- Provided the members with a packet of information regarding back pain.
- Has concerns and questions regarding injection procedures such as trigger point and epidural point.
- Who is best equipped to administer interventions? Currently at least one chiropractic clinic is administering these interventions.

Name not given

- Echoed comments from Dr. Alex.

Sheri Ryan - representing Alaska Chiropractic Society

- Responding to Dr. Alex's comments.

- Stated the MSRC and WC Board are not the agencies to address his concerns. His concerns should be brought before the Alaska Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Break 11:01am - 11:15am

VIII. Fee Schedule Guidelines Development Discussion Continued

The committee briefly discussed the issues regarding rates for Chiropractic treatment.

IX. Reed Group Presentation

Christine Baker and Len Welsh of Reed Group presented on the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine Practice Guidelines, and the State of California's experience adopting evidence-based treatment guidelines.

Lunch Break 12:51pm - 2:00pm

X. Fee Schedule Guidelines Development Discussion Continued

The committee further discussed the matter of physical therapy reimbursement and made a preliminary decision to not make any changes to the PT rates.

The committee discussed whether or not hearing aid services require guidelines. Carla Gee provided some data on the matter. Martha Tansik with Barlow Anderson provided testimony. Carla Gee will provide more data before the committee makes a decision.

The committee discussed standards for non-FDA approved procedures.

The Committee discussed refining the fee schedule narrative.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2019. This meeting will be telephonic for those members outside of Anchorage.

Meeting Adjourned 3:25pm