Workers' Compensation Medical Services Review Committee Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2023

I. Call to order

Director of Workers' Compensation Charles Collins, Chair of the Medical Services Review Committee, called the Committee to order at 9:08 am on Friday, July 14, 2023. The meeting was held in Anchorage, Alaska, and by video conference.

II. Roll call

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

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

Director Collins noted that members Jeffery Gilbert and Pam Scott were excused.

III. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

A motion to approve the agenda and minutes from June 16, 2023 was made by member Foland and seconded by member Steed. A unanimous vote approved the agenda and minutes.

IV. Fee Schedule Guidelines Development Discussion

Carla Gee and Nan Orme with Optum stepped through proposed changes for the 2024 Fee Schedule. Changes to the language on Hearing Aid reimbursement were made once again. An addition of a template for treatment plans was implemented.

Break 10:11 am - 10:16 am

V. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

VI. Fee Schedule Guidelines Development Discussion, continued

The committee continued to review proposed changes for the 2024 Fee Schedule. The committee asked Optum to present evidence on trending medical costs.

A motion to approve the May 31, 2023 minutes was made by member Kosinski and seconded by member Foland. A unanimous vote approved the minutes.

Director Collins reminded the members that the next meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2023, at 9:00 am. A motion to adjourn was made by member Steed and seconded by member Kosinski. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 11:31 am