

Alaska Division of Workers' Compensation Medical Services Review Committee Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2025

Friday, June 27, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Director Charles Collins called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. in Anchorage, Alaska. Participation was available in person and via video conference.

II. ROLL CALL

The following Members were present:

Dr. Mary Ann Foland	Susan Kosinski	Mason McCloskey	Valerie Mittelstead
Pam Scott	Misty Steed		

Members Jeff Gilbert and Dr. Jeff Moore were excused; a quorum was established.

III. APPROVAL OF MAY 30, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Member Steed moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Scott. The minutes were adopted without objection.

IV. FEE SCHEDULE DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION

The Committee reviewed how other states handle reimbursement for home health and ambulance services. Carla Gee provided a summary of state approaches, noting variations in billing codes, per diem rates, and authorization requirements.

Break 10:01 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 10:15 AM- 11:15 AM

Debbie Ryan – Alaska Chiropractic Society

- Shared a personal experience supporting inpatient rehab services at St. Elias and highlighted the high value of the services they provide.

VI. FEE SCHEDULE DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION CONTINUED

Carla Gee presented the proposed edits to the 2026 Medical Fee Schedule, including updated E&M codes and expanded telehealth services.

The Committee discussed low reimbursement rates for IMEs and SIMEs; Carla will research how other states handle IMEs and SIMEs, including state-specific codes.

Misty Steed raised concerns about inpatient rehab (e.g., St. Elias) and long-term care facilities not being covered under existing critical access hospital pricing. Carla will research if other states treat these facilities separately and explore whether Medicare PC pricers can be used.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Director Collins reminded the Committee that the next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2025.

Motion to adjourn by Member Foland, seconded by Member Kosinski. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.