

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION  
MEDICAL FEE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER, 100 WEST RANDOLPH STREET – ROOM 9-039  
HELD ON DECEMBER 5, 2012 at 1:00 PM**

**Present at the meeting were:**

Chairman Mitch Weisz  
Mr. John Smolk, United Airlines  
Mr. Bill McAndrew, Illinois Hospital Association  
Dr. Michael Vender, Hand Surgery Associates  
Dr. Avi Bernstein, The Spine Center

**Participating via telephone were:**

Ms. Kimberly Moreland, Rising Medical Solutions  
Ms. Dianne McGuire, College of DuPage Board of Trustees  
Mr. Jason Keller, Illinois AFL-CIO  
Ms. Barb Molloy, Molloy Consulting

**IWCC staff present were:**

Mr. Ron Rascia, General Counsel  
Ms. Susan Piha, Manager of Research and Education  
Ms. Kim Janas, Secretary of the Commission  
Mr. Glen Boyle, Project Manager (via phone)

**Also present at the meeting were:**

Ms. Terri Robison, NCCI  
Ms. Daniella Watson, CorVel  
Ms. Amanda Attaway, Illinois State Medical Society  
Mr. Pat Gallagher, Illinois State Medical Society  
Mr. David Menchetti, Cullen Haskins  
Dr. Andrew Engel, MPSS  
Ms. Liz Kerr, HFN  
Ms. Ana Barba, PBS  
Mr. Randall Pace, PBS  
Ms. Nataliya Kurchiy, AAPC  
Ms. Dorene Egan, on behalf of Mike Kasper  
Ms. Megan Karlic, Concentra  
Ms. Susan Schulte, NCCI

Chairman Mitch Weisz called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present. Chairman Weisz asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. McAndrew noted one typographical correction and moved to approve the motions as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smolk and unanimously carried.

Chairman Weisz started the meeting by providing an update on the operations of the Commission. He noted that several long-serving employees of the Commission are retiring in January. The Commission has also retained several new staff members since the board's last meeting. Amiel Harper was hired to serve as Counsel

to the Self-Insurance Board and the Insurance Compliance Division. Gloria Jimenez has joined the Commission in the Insurance Compliance Division to assist with that Division's outreach efforts to employers. Tom Bruner has been hired on a part-time basis to adjust the Self-Insurance workers' compensation claims. The Commission is currently searching for a full-time mainframe programmer. Finally, Chairman Weisz noted NCCI has completed its medical data report for Illinois. Commission staff will email this report to anyone interested once the Commission obtains an electronic copy.

Next, Kim Janas provided an update on the Commission's rules. She informed the board members that the rule change regarding repackaged prescriptions filled and dispensed outside of a licensed pharmacy took effect on November 20<sup>th</sup>. The Illinois Administrative Code has not yet been updated with the new rule language, but the Commission has posted a link to the First Notice document on its website, as there were no changes to the rulemaking from its initial filing. The Department of Insurance has filed the rules for electronic billing of workers' compensation claims. These rules were required by Section 8.2a of the Workers' Compensation Act, which was added by Public Act 97-18. Any comments on the rules should be directed to the parties designated by the Department in the Illinois Register. The comment deadline ends 45 days after publication in the Illinois Register. Ms. Janas urged the board members to review these rules and send any comments along to the Department of Insurance.

Chairman Weisz then moved on to the report by Glen Boyle, who participated via phone later on in the meeting. The 2013 fee schedule updates are to be completed by December 14<sup>th</sup> and then forwarded to Optum for posting on December 28<sup>th</sup> once the amounts are rechecked for accuracy. In terms of updating the POC amounts, Glen Boyle set forth a proposal which utilizes 2013 Relative Values for Physicians. This process will hopefully establish fee schedule amounts for all CPT codes. The board discussed some of the details of this process, such as the conversion factors involved in generating these new reimbursements. The board members asked Chairman Weisz if the new reimbursement amounts for the codes previously listed at the default rate could be distributed to the board members for review before they are implemented. Chairman Weisz noted that this process may include a voluminous amount of codes and data, but that the Commission would try to keep the Board updated on the status of this process and provide a sample of the new reimbursements. Glen Boyle stated that this could take at least three months to create the reimbursement for the codes previously listed at the default rate.

The next topic on the agenda was a discussion regarding drug compounding. Chairman Weisz stated he wanted to open the dialogue on this issue and see if any of the board members had any insight on drug compounding and how it affects the provision of medical care in the workers' compensation context. Several board members noted that they were monitoring the status of drug compounding throughout the country and whether there would be regulation regarding licensing of drug compounders or safety issued from the federal Food and Drug Administration. Chairman Weisz concluded the discussion by stating that the Commission would also monitor any new regulations or safety issues arising from the practice of drug compounding.

There was a motion to adjourn by Mr. McAndrew, seconded by Dr. Vender, and unanimously carried.