

Medical Services Review Board

Meeting minutes

April 16, 2015

Members present

Jeffrey Bonsell, D.C., chairman
Brennan McAlpin
Russell Gelfman, M.D.
Hans Thurmer, D.C.
Kathi Hendrickson, R.N.
Ernest Lampe, M.D.
Matthew Monsein, M.D.
Reed Pollack
Dan Wolfe, P.T., G.D.M.T.
Margaret Spartz, M.D.
Robert Pandiscio, R.N.
Jody Ruppert, OTR/L (by phone)

Member alternates present

Natalie Haefner
Lisa Hanselman, OTR/L
Kimberly Olson, R.N.
Laura Breeher, M.D.

Call to order and introductions

The meeting of the Medical Services Review Board (MSRB) was called to order at 4 p.m. by Chairman Jeffrey Bonsell. A quorum was met.

Approval of the minutes

The minutes from the April 17, 2014, meeting were presented. Ernest Lampe moved to approve them. Buck McAlpin seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the April 17, 2014 minutes.

Meeting agenda

There were no additions to the agenda. Margaret Spartz moved to approve the agenda. Lampe seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the agenda.

Announcements and update – Commissioner Ken Peterson

- Deputy Commissioner Kris Eiden passed away in December 2014.
- Chris Leifeld has been appointed assistant commissioner for the Workers' Compensation Division.
- Dr. Bill Lohman is resigning from his position at the department.
- The department has a bill at the Legislature to establish a DRG system for the payment of inpatient hospital bills. A one-page summary of the proposed bill was distributed.

Legislative update – Chris Leifeld

- The Workers' Compensation Modernization Project will update the department's computer system and business processes. A one-page handout describing the project was distributed.
- The department also has a bill at the Legislature to facilitate electronic billing of health care services and EFT transactions for payment of wage benefits. A one-page summary of the proposed bill was distributed.

Rules update – Dr. Bill Lohman

- If the federal ICD-10 implementation occurs as scheduled, the workers' compensation rules will be updated to reference the use of ICD-10.
- The rules about the long-term use of opiates continue to progress through the rulemaking process. A hearing will not be needed. Several comments were received that are being analyzed by the department.

New business

- The lumbar fusion fact sheet developed by the board is up for review. The current fact sheet was distributed. The board needs to determine at their next meeting if any changes are needed and the next review date. Robert Pandiscio asked that the department determine if there is any new relevant research about fusion surgery since the most recent review of the fact sheet. If there is, that should be distributed to the members prior to the next meeting.
- Lohman reviewed a proposed change to the methodology for reviewing existing treatment parameters and developing new ones. It is designed to take advantage of the work already being done by other institutions and agencies in developing treatment guidelines. A library of existing guidelines is created for each treatment and their recommendations and evidence base are then used by the board in formulating recommendations to the department. Lohman handed out a document describing the 15 steps to – and results of – creating such a library for guidelines about the treatment of low back pain. Because the board had previously indicated an interest in reviewing the use of injection modalities, Lohman created two spreadsheets, which were distributed, from the collected guidelines summarizing their conclusions regarding the use of intradiscal steroid injections and prolotherapy that can serve as the basis of the board's discussions of those treatments.
- Chairman Bonsell requested that before the next meeting, the members email Anita Hess a list of treatment parameters the board should consider addressing.
- Lampe said we have medical issues and process issues. He suggested we have one administrative and one medical person working together. Injections would be a priority to address.
- Kim Olson volunteered to review the existing parameters for injections and put the information together for the board.
- The board discussed having meetings in addition to the quarterly meetings. Bonsell and Lampe seconded the motion to have meetings every two months, beginning with the scheduled July meeting. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Agenda items for next meeting

- Announcements
- MSRB Web page possibilities and capabilities
- Review of Lohman's handouts, lists of topics and priorities

Adjournment

Natalie Haefner moved to adjourn the meeting. Daniel Wolfe seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned a few minutes before 6 p.m.

Next meeting date: July 16, 2015