

Workers' Compensation
Medical Services Review Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2015

I. Call to order

Acting Director Ezzell, acting as Chair of the Medical Services Review Committee, called the Committee to order at 11:01 am on Thursday, September 3, 2015, in Anchorage, Alaska.

II. Roll call

The following Committee members were present, constituting a quorum:

Vince Beltrami
Dr. Robert Hall
Pamla Scott

Dr. Mary Ann Foland
Tammi Lindsey
Kevin Smith

Jane Griffith
Dr. William Pfeifer

III. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by member Smith and seconded by member Pfeifer. The agenda was adopted without objection. The agenda was limited to consideration for approval of changing the hospital inpatient conversion factor from the original MSRC report dated June 1, 2015.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2015 meeting was made by member Foland and seconded by member Smith.

The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

V. New Business

- Acting Director Ezzell acknowledged Commissioner Drygas. Committee members introduced themselves to the Commissioner, identifying their affiliation.
- Commissioner Drygas lead the discussion on the fee schedule / conversion factor for hospital inpatient.
- Member Jane Griffith stated that the intent of the MSRC was to develop a fee schedule neutral approach, and not a 40 % reduction in current fees.
- The committee discussed the problem with the data presented by Optum and Fairhealth.
- Jane Griffith discussed Providence's data for supporting the new Inpatient conversion factor of 328.2.

- Members discussed Member Pfeifer's concern that when the committee made the change to the hospital fee structures, the change was heavily weighted on Providence Hospital's data being provided to the Committee.
- Member Smith made a motion to accept Member Griffith recommendation that the committee indorse the recommended conversion factor of 328.2 for Hospital Inpatient as long as the reduction is within 15% to 20 %. Second by Member Beltrami.
- Member Scott made an amendment to the main motion to use a flat 20%. Seconded by Member Hall. The motion passed unanimously.
- Acting Ezzell call the question for the main motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Adjournment

Acting Director Ezzell adjourned the meeting at 12:10 pm.