

Official Minutes

Medical Fee Guide Committee Meeting

In-person / Microsoft Teams Meeting

October 14, 2021, at 1:03 P.M.

Present:

Committee Members:

Rudolph Rose, Esq., Principal
Ari Laric
Carmine D'Alessandro, Esq.

WCC Staff:

Comm. Allan H. Kittleman, Chair of MFG Committee
Mary Ahearn, CEO
Jerome Reichmister, M.D., Medical Director
Theresa Cornish, COO
Janet Vanderpuije, Medical Coding Mgr./Secretary

Microsoft Teams:

Charles Thorne, D.C.
Edward J. Bernacki, M.D., MPH
Greg M. Gilbert

Microsoft Teams:

H. Scott Curtis, Esq., Asst. Atty. General

Guest:

Marion Evans-Prince

Absent:

Jim Groschan, P.T.
Craig Ross, D. O.
Antonio Lopez, Esq.
Derek Kram, M.D. Not able to connect virtually
Keith Segalman, M.D. Not able to connect virtually

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Kittleman called the meeting to order at 1:03pm, with roll call of the Committee members, WCC staff and guest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Kittleman restated the purpose of the June 8, 2020, MFG meeting, which was to address the changes in telehealth fees due to the public health emergency related to Covid -19. It was noted that the telehealth fee changes would remain the same until the public health emergency mandates

related to Covid – 19, were lifted by the Governor. The minutes from the meeting on June 8, 2020, were approved on the motion by Carmine D’Alessandro, Esq. and second by Dr. Jerry Reichmister.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were no old business items raised or addressed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Evans-Prince from Gymfit Physical Therapy & Wellness attended the meeting virtually to raise concerns regarding workers’ compensation carriers reducing and/or denying payments because of the Medical Fee Schedule.

Janet Vanderpuije will follow up with Ms. Evans-Prince and provide her with the instructions on how to file a medical claim with the Commission regarding this matter.

Rudolph Rose, Esq. shared some concerns that existed with out of state payers not adhering to the Maryland Medical Fee Guide. It was stated by Chairman Kittleman and confirmed by Scott Curtis, that Maryland does not have jurisdiction over providers in other states.

Carmine D’Alessandro, Esq. mentioned that Chesapeake works out an agreement up front with out of state medical providers so that injured workers can get needed medical treatment.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:18 pm on the motion by Carmine D’Alessandro, Esq. and second by Dr. Jerry Reichmister.

Minutes submitted by:

Janet Vanderpuije

Minutes approved by:

Commissioner Allan H. Kittleman
Medical Fee Guide Committee Chair