

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDICAL FEE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER
100 WEST RANDOLPH STREET, ROOM 9-035, CHICAGO, IL
HELD ON DECEMBER 17, 2018, AT 2:00 PM**

Present at the meeting:

Amy Bilton
Cynthia Rega
David Menchetti
Barb Molloy
Dr. Preston Wolin

Present by phone:

Dianne McGuire
Jason Keller
Adam Low

Not present:

Jeffrey White

IWCC staff present at the meeting:

Joann Fratianni, Chairman
Ronald Rascia, General Counsel
Commissioner Michael Brennan
Commissioner L. Elizabeth Coppoletti
Commissioner Stephen Mathis
Cole Garrett, Deputy General Counsel
Cecelia Kasmierski, Associate General Counsel

Chairman Fratianni called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and noted the presence of a quorum.

Ms. Molloy moved to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2017 meeting, Ms. Rega seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes as presented.

As there was no old business, the Board proceeded to a discussion on new business. Glen Boyle noted that the new fee schedule would be updated and posted by January 1, 2019. Mr. Boyle noted the E&M codes had no consolidation. Ms. Molloy noted that a comprehensive bill for telemedicine would be coming up in 2019. Glen Boyle noted that a discussion regarding medical marijuana was premature and would be considered at a later date. The Board discussed some inconsistencies and the need for clarification in the FAQs for the fee schedule. Ms. Bilton advised that the FAQs needed to be consistent with the rules. Mr. Boyle noted that the fee schedule would be worked on in the next year to make it a more reliable document. Mr. Rascia noted that work would be done to ensure the FAQs match the law and the fee schedule.

The Chairman advised that Public Act 100-117 had passed. The Board proceeded to discuss the IWCC system in relation to the billing and payment of medical services. Mr. Shattuck and Mr. Menchetti noted that House Bill 200 is pending. The Chairman advised that since House Bill 200 is pending, it would not be part of the discussion at this time. Glen Boyle advised that the Department of Insurance electronic billing payment guide would be a good model to look at to modify to the IWCC system. The Board moved on to discuss EOB issues and codes. Ms. Bickford noted that sometimes more than one message code is generated. Ms. Molloy noted that sometimes fatal

errors get paid. Mr. Boyle suggested that a committee go through the codes. Mr. Rascia noted that the Department of Insurance electronic billing rules would be a good starting point. Dr. Wolin advised that the EOB is the means by which the payor communicates with the provider and that the purpose of Public Act 100-117 is to make it easier for the provider. Dr. Wolin advised that the legislature referred to the EOB and that is where focus should be placed. Ms. Molloy advised there may be a need for better training. Dr. Wolin noted that the EOB needs to be a consistent document. Ms. Molloy advised that the goal is to get the right payment. The Board discussed Forms CMS 1500 and UB-04. Mr. Porter noted the electronic billing rules. The Department of Insurance has the electronic version of these forms. Mr. Boyle advised that the current law has a time frame and calls for a clean billing. Ms. Bilton noted the need for a clear and consistent rule. Dr. Wolin noted the goal would be to provide a mechanism for submission and payment of bills electronically. Mr. Boyle noted a time frame in Public Act 100-117. Chairman Fratianni advised that a committee would be formed, but that no one would be precluded from giving comments. Anyone sending comments, please direct them to Ronald Rascia.

Upon no further business, Ms. Bilton moved to adjourn the meeting, Dr. Wolin seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.