

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
MEDICAL FEE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
ON DECEMBER 11, 2023 AT 2:00 PM**

Board Members Present In Person:

Amy Bilton
Carlos Boileve
David Menchetti
Preston Wolin

Board Members Present via WebEx:

Giridhar Burra
Mike Macellaio

IWCC Members in person:

Michael J. Brennan, Chairman
Ronald Rascia, General Counsel
Cole Garrett, Deputy Legal Counsel (via WebEx)
Annette Roti, Chief of Staff
Michele Kowalski, Secretary of the Commission
Whitney Martin, Research and Education Manager

On December 11, 2023 at 2:04 PM, Chairman Brennan called the Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Advisory Board Meeting to order and after roll call verified that a quorum was present. Upon Motion by Ms. Bilton, seconded by Dr. Boileve the minutes of the September 11, 2023 were unanimously approved as presented.

As to Old Business, the Board resumed discussion of the fees associated with Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASC) and gaps in the fee schedule. Mr. Boyle stated that more procedures are now performed at ASC facilities that were previously done only at hospitals. Upon Motion by Dr. Boileve and seconded by Ms. Bilton, the Board unanimously agreed to create a subcommittee to review the ASC billing issue. Chairman Brennan stated he would circulate the names of the Board Members on this subcommittee by the end of the week, and it would include Mr. Boyle as a subject matter expert.

As to New Business, Chairman Brennan announced there would be Arbitrator Docket changes for January. He also announced that a 14th docket had been created in Cook County, and Arbitrator Brady would be handling calls for this Docket. Chairman Brennan updated the Board on the Yellow Freight matter and said that the self-insurance claims continued to be paid by the bond holder, Liberty Mutual.

Next, Chairman Brennan introduced the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab staff members who gave a presentation to the Board, **a copy of which is attached to these meeting minutes.**

After the presentation, the Board discussed the special fee schedule set for freestanding patient rehab centers, including the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab. Mr. Boyle stated he would do research on

the matter, and report findings to the Board. The Board resolved to obtain more information and give the matter all due consideration.

There were several members of the public on the call who also expressed their desire to assist with the fee issues presented. Chairman Brennan asked for further public comment. There being none, and having no further business to discuss, Chairman Brennan if there was a Motion to Adjourn. Dr. Boileve so moved, Ms. Bilton seconded, and the Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:36 PM.