

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
MEDICAL FEE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER, 100 WEST RANDOLPH STREET
ROOM 9-031
HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 2016 at 2:00 PM**

Present at the meeting:

Chairman Joann Fratianni
Diana Alvarez
David Menchetti
Dr. Preston Wolin
Dr. David Fletcher
Mr. Dan Ugaste

Present by Phone:

Jason Keller

Also Present:

Glen Boyle

IWCC staff present at the meeting were:

Ronald Rascia, General Counsel
Cecelia Kasmierski, Associate General Counsel
Darlene Senger, CFO
Brendan O'Rourke, Manager of R&E

Members of the public present at the meeting:

Tim O'Connell
Megan Karlic
Lisa Ann Forsythe
David Porter
Pat Gallagher
Kim Janas
Daniella Watson
Matt Hillison
Ben Alveth

Chairman Fratianni called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m., and noted that a quorum was present. Dr. Fletcher moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2016, meeting, Mr. Ugaste seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

As there was no old business, Chairman Fratianni moved on to new business. Mr. Boyle noted that the fee schedule increased by 1.06 percent and would be posted end of December. Mr. Boyle advised that there are gaps in the fee schedule and there is an issue that exists that when a fee is not found in the fee schedule then it defaults to 53.2 percent. Mr. Boyle advised that there are areas in the fee schedule where these situations occur and whether the Commission should respond to these unusual alignments. Dr. Wolin advised that with regard to the fees there are times when you seek approval for a procedure under workers' compensation that you are only allowed to do what was requested and risk not being compensated if you do something else. He opined that if a procedure were done and the CPT code was not listed, you may not get compensated. Mr. Boyle advised that there were about a dozen codes that fall into that category. Dr. Wolin considered that there might be a coding issue and Ms. Forsythe stated that it might be a training issue. Chairman Fratianni asked for volunteers to research the issue. Ms. Forsythe volunteered as did Dr. Wolin, Dr. Fletcher, and Patrick Gallagher.

Dr. Fletcher brought up the topic of E&M code reimbursement and access to care issues. Ronald Rascia advised that the topic was still under consideration and would come to conclusion at the next meeting. Mr. Rascia advised that Glen Boyle would provide access to care and code analysis at the next meeting. Mr. Rascia advised that regarding the June meeting topics, that the Commission has done substantial research on the issues, including subject matter jurisdiction. The Commission would address the findings at the next Board meeting. Upon no further business, Dr. Fletcher moved to adjourn, Ms. Alvarez seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.