Official Minutes

Medical Fee Guide Committee Meeting

Microsoft Teams Meeting

August 10, 2023, at 12 P.M.

Present:

Committee Members:

Maija B. Jackson, Esq.
MFG Committee
Anthonia V. St. John, Esq.
Edward J. Bernacki, MD, MPH
Mary Capelli-Schellpfeffer, MD, MPA
Medical Director
Joseph M. Jagielski, Esq.
General
Jason Hammond, MD
Charles J. Thorne, DC

Allyson Bloom, Esq.
Keith Segalman, MD
Robert Garza, Esq.
Greg Gilbert, EVP

WCC Staff:

Comm. Allan Kittleman, Chair of

Maureen Quinn, Chairwoman
Mary Ahearn, CEO
Jerome Reichmister, MD,

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

Theresa Cornish, COO
Janet Vanderpuije, Medical
Coding Mngr./MFG Secretary

Guest:

Lyndsey Meninger

Unidentified call-ins: 39

Absent:

Carmine D'Alessandro, Esq.

CALL TO ORDER:
Commissioner Kittleman called the meeting to order at 12:14pm, stated the purpose of the meeting to look at prescription and drug formulary and introduction of old and new Committee members, WCC staff and guest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Commissioner Kittleman discussed the MFG meeting of October 14, 2021, which addressed concerns that existed with out of state payers not adhering to the Maryland Medical Fee Guide. H. Scott Curtis confirmed that Maryland does not have jurisdiction over providers in other states. The minutes from the October 14, 2021, MFG meeting were approved on the motion by Dr. Charles Thorne and second by Dr. Jerome Reichmister.

OLD BUSINESS:
There were no old business concerns raised or addressed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Some issues regarding medical marijuana were raised and the Committee was asked to consider discussion with pharmaceuticals and address issues such as caps, dosages, etc. Several states cover the cost of medical marijuana. H. Scott Curtis will research any legislation concerning medicinal marijuana.

A concern was raised with the difficulty for claimants finding mental healthcare providers that will accept the Maryland fee guide and there are some providers who do not accept insurance at all. Discussion was held on legislation introduced in last legislative session regarding social workers, which did not pass.

The Committee will continue to meet over the next several months to revisit the concept of a prescription fee guide. The following information was shared: Proposed Action on Regulations Pharmacy Fee Schedule, Optum-pharmacy-resource-guide, and National Drug Inventory. Chairwoman Quinn to reach out to the subcommittees for workers' compensation in Annapolis.

The MFG Committee usually meets once every two years. However, with the substantial discussion needed to explore a prescription fee guide, and due to its controversial nature, the Committee will meet virtually on September 21, 2023, at 12pm. If possible, it is the Committee's intention to also meet virtually on 10/26 at noon.

ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm on motion by Dr. Jerome Reichmister and second by Dr. Charles Thorne.

Minutes submitted by:

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Janet Vanderpuije

Minutes approved by:

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Commissioner Allan H. Kittleman