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WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2011
LABI Conference Center
9:30a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Scheduling of 2011 Council Meetings

Meetings of the Council will take place around the 3rd Thursday of each month. Special meetings, especially around the legislative session, will be set as needed. Meeting dates will be announced after approved by the Council.

Updates from Task Forces:

Undocumented Workers – Chair, Chuck Davoli -

Although the task force has not yet met, Mr. Davoli has been conducting research from other states in regards to undocumented workers.

Vocational Rehabilitation – Chair, Jim Patterson

Meetings have taken place. Next scheduled meeting will be February 10, 2011. This will be an all day meeting. The task force will develop recommendations to bring to the Council for approval at the next Council meeting.

Electronic Medical Billing – Chair, Troy Prevot

Task force has two separate groups. Several meetings have been held by both groups. Next meeting will be February 10, 2011. Task force needs to set up and implement rules.

2nd Injury Fund Study Group – Chair, Michael Morris

Meeting was held by conference call.

Proposed Hearing Rules Update - Wes Hataway

The Hearings office is going through with the process to promulgate the rules as were approved by the Council. There were a few grammar changes. Rules will be submitted to the Office of the State Register on February 10, 2011, and will be published by same on February 20, 2011. Larry White will check in to the concern that some District offices are already complying by the rules, even though they are not yet final.

Medical Guidelines Update

Judge Caldwell enjoined the Emergency Rule process on the Medical Guideline Emergency Rules, which means upon receiving signed said order, the emergency rules will not take effect on 1-1-11. However, the regular Notice of Intent Rule process is proceeding as normal. January 21, 2011, is the first day for requests of public hearings. Dr. Chris Rich is our new Medical Director. There was an ethics opinion filed with the Office of Ethics regarding Dr. Rich serving in this role. There will be a hearing on that opinion sometime in February and we will let everybody know the outcome of that hearing in the future.

New Utilization Review (UR) Subcommittee

Dr. Charles Herring and Michael Morris will serve as chairs of this new subcommittee. Please contact Larry if you are interested to serve on this subcommittee.

Other Business

Medical fee schedule, CPT codes needs to be updated. Looking at using 1994/2000 conversion factors.

Public Comment

Dan Lestraper, LEMIC - CPT fee schedule needs a complete overhaul, it needs more than a quick fix.

Alana Madison introduces new attorney for the HLIRC, Ms. Shana Veade.

Adjourn

Jim Patterson motions to adjourn meeting, Ken Hawkins seconds motion. Meeting adjourned.