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WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2012
LABI Conference Center
9:30a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Members Present:
Wes Hataway, Chair
Chuck Davoli
Dr. Mark Kruse
Michael Morris
Dr. Dan Gallagher
Dickie Patterson
Denis Juge
Julie Cherry
Clark Cosse
Jim Patterson

Members Absent:
Eddie Crawford
Dr. Jim Quillin
Ken Hawkins
Dr. Hank Eiserloh
Troy Prevot

Director Hataway introduces new Council member Ray Peters. Ray takes the place of Roy O Martin.

Update on UR Rules

There have been 250 1099s filed since July, 2011. IME's have gone down. Progress is being made. 1008s have declined in amount of time. A public hearing will be held on substantive changes on March 22, 2012, 9:00, at LWC, 4th floor auditorium. If all goes well in the process, the final rule should be published by the La. Register on April 20, 2012, which would be the effective date for the forms also. Pilot sites for the 1010 and 1010a have been set up in Baton Rouge, Lake Charles, and New Orleans. There will also be training scheduled for these forms in the future. The MAC are reviewing guidelines. As of today, there are no changes. Sometime in August or September, they will meet again to discuss recommendations. They will review 2 parts of the guidelines each year for updates.

Update on Pharmacy Task Force

Although progress has been made, there are no final decisions. Task force has suspended activity for now with session about to convene. Meetings will start back in June.

Consideration of Agency 2012 Legislation

23:1306 – EDI bill – changes the way we will receive 1007s, 1002s, and 1003s. There will be an annual start-up cost. The host will collect data then send to us. Will be around \$80,000 the first year, then \$45,000 after that. We will be moving from paper to electronic.

1291.1 and 12:1293 – Fraud detection – SAS bill. Will send data on a quarterly basis. HB 498-Dixon and will be in HLIRC.

1174.2 –Updating statute to mirror the UI 23:1548. HB 207 – Broadwater and will be in HLIRC.

23:1123, 23:1203 and 23:1307 – Provides for medical examinations in workers’ compensation cases. SB 367 – Riser, and will be in SLIRC.

1317.1 – IMEs

23:1034.2 – Fee Schedule – Broadwater bill

The OWC is presently working with a group in Shreveport to update the Fee schedule.

Other Business

Rep. Dixon has requested the presence of the Advisory Council before the HLIRC, on March 15, 2012. There are numerous new members of the HLIRC, and this would be a good time to introduce everyone.

The next Council meetings to discuss legislation will be March 16, 2012 @ LWC, and on March 23, 2012, at LABI.

Public Comment

Jenny Barber, attorney

Jan Barber, attorney

Adjourn