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WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2012
LWC-OWCA – 4th Floor Auditorium
9:30a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Members Present:

Chair, Wes Hataway
Dr. Eiserloh
Mark Kruse
Ray Peters
Greg Hubachek
Eddie Crawford
Chuck Davoli
Dickie Patterson
Clark Cosse
Denis Juge
Troy Prevot
Bob Israel (new member)
Dr. Dan Gallagher

Members Absent:

Dr. Quillin
Michael Morris
Julie Cherry

Meeting started at 9:30 a.m.

Injured Worker Fund Update (HR 133)

Project Chairs: Greg Hubachek, and Ray Peters. Project is due by December 31, 2012. Task Force will meet Oct. 4th and Nov. 13th. Both meetings will be held in Alexandria.

1002 Form (AWW) Administrative Process

Sheral Kellar, Chief Judge, goes over changes in the Hearing rules pertaining to the 1002 form regarding Act 860. Timeline is Feb. 1st effective date. They will be submitted to the La. Register on Nov. 10th. Director Hataway suggested that the Council review the changes and have them ready to review at the Oct. 4th Council meeting. He also asked that the public can send comments to him regarding any changes they recommend, and he will get with the Council and Judge Kellar.

Administrative Rules Process

1010 Form Update/UR Rule Revision

Will be submitted to the La. Register on September 10th. Will be published in the September 20th Register publication. There will be a public hearing on 10-25-12 at 9:00a.m. at the LWC Training Center on Fuqua.

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These rules will also be submitted to the La. Register on September 10th and will be heard at the same public hearing mentioned above.

CPT Code Update

Sheree Phillips goes over the new CPT Codes. These rules will be submitted to the La. Register on October 10th.

E-Billing Companion Guide

Waiting to hear back from IAIABC for their input on the new form. Target date is October 10th submission to the La. Register.

MAC Meeting

Meeting had to be cancelled because of Hurricane Isaac. Dr. Rich will reschedule the meeting when he gets back from out of town.

MTS Issues – Peer to Peer Review/Pharmacy

Director Hataway commends Sue Newman and her staff on all their hard work on the medical guidelines. There needs to be more education of the guidelines statewide. Adjusters need more training and experience. Issues with UR and pharmaceuticals – guidelines are silent in this area. Will have to go through the MAC and decide the best practice. Suggestions were made to develop separate pharmacy/UR guidelines in the MAC. Dickie Patterson will have an update on #s on implementation of the medical guidelines.

Vocational Rehabilitation Task Force

Mission is to get injured workers better and faster to return to work. Committee will need to be reformed. Possible submissions from this committee will go to the legislature next year.

Second Injury Fund Task Force

Task Force needs to get back together and meet regarding the 2014 sunset. There will be a presentation at the next WCAC meeting on Oct. 4th.

Other Business

Public Comment

Jenny Barber, atty.
Joe Jolissant, atty.
Kim Bueche, PTPN

Adjourn

