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WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2013

****LABI – 3113 Valley Creek Drive****

9:30a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Members Present:

Wes Hataway, Chair
Bob Israel
Chuck Davoli
Troy Prevot
Eddie Crawford
Dr. Mark Kruse
Michael Morris
Clark Cosse
Denis Juge

Members Absent:

Dr. Jim Quillin
Dr. Dan Gallagher
Dickie Patterson
Ray Peters
Joe Jollisaint
Dr. Hank Eiserloh
Greg Hubachek

2013 Legislative Wrap-Up

- Act 337 – 1002 Form
- Senate Concurrent Resolution 129 (Cortez)

OWCA update – Will Green

Administrative Rules – CPT Final Rule published 7-20-13; – MTS Public hearing on 7-25-13 - Auditorium

Department Updates 2014 Legislative Session –

Safety/OSHA has identified 23 companies in Louisiana that are fertilizer plants. We will be making visits to make sure they are secure.

Fraud – Misclassification test will be on our website this month. The SAS software has gone into production this past month. Data sharing with all state agencies that target fraud. The system has already revealed 24,000 hits, with comparing UI taxes with NCCI data, some of these may be self-insured.

Medical Services – Reasons for denials and rejections are now generated by reports from Justware. June there were 71 rejections: 27 no copy of denial; 22 no required medical documentation; 17 compensability; 16 not filed within 15 days. Denials – 113 in June, 45 of those were low back. There is a tutorial located on our website (Laworks.net) for the 1009 and 1010 forms.

Hearings – 2013 January thru May (5 months) 1008s less than 8 months.

2nd Injury – Working on OWC assessments. We have obtained a lock box for payments at Chase bank.

EDI – 1007 is voluntary but on 1-1-14, will become mandatory. We will have another webinar and will send out notifications of this mandatory date.

Michael and Denis go over changes made to the 1002 by (Act 337). According to Act 337, this form needs to be complete. Send any comments into Wes.

SCR 129: Dr. Rich and the MAC is looking into the resolution. The report is due back to the legislative oversight committee by 9-1-13.

Future Issues:

1. Fee Schedule – Oncoming issues – Inpatient/Outpatient
2. Pharmacy – Formulary
3. Fraud-SAS
4. Paperless Court system
5. Troy-2nd Injury Fund, keep it or change it. Continue to work on.
6. Greg – Re-Training program – leverage with 2nd Injury
7. Chuck – W. C. Fund for un-insured (Florida)
8. Denis – Hearing rules – Need to prepare amendment for Council's review on issues on continuances and stays.
9. Shana Veade – 2014 Leg. Session – Asks the council to please get bills in sooner! 2014 session will begin 3-10-14, Need to get bills in by February.

Next meeting of the WCAC will be August 8, 2013 9:30 at LABI.

September's meeting will be held at the Laborer's Union Hall at 1233 Govt. St. in Baton Rouge.

October's meeting will be held somewhere in Slidell.

Adjourned: 12:00p.m.

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