



Meeting Notes
October 10, 2003

Procedures for Review: This topic was postponed because the committee had not received the information necessary for discussion.

ACTION: Dr. Rischitelli is asked to forward information about compounded topical prescriptions to Nancy Bieber, who will distribute to the members. Dr. Arthur will ask Dr. Keenen to forward his findings and recommendations to Nancy Bieber to distribute to the members.

Objective Findings: General discussion led by Dr. Eusterman. There was general agreement that the value and meaning of “objective findings” is different at the beginning of a claim than it is at the time a claim is closed and disability, if any, is awarded.

DECISION: The members voted to table this issue for the next few months to concentrate on other topics and to await more direction from the WCD administrator.

WCD Updates: The development of materials for the nurse practitioners, required under HB 3669, the bill extending nurse practitioner authority to treat injured workers and authorize time loss, is in early planning stage. Probably WCD will adapt the packet of materials provided to physicians, and create a “Nurse Practitioner Guide,” similar to the “Physicians’ Guide,” but including more information specific to the nurse practitioner role.

WCD is developing temporary rules for medical fees, medical services, and claim closure in order to implement statutory changes, particularly as a result of HB 3669 and SB 620, a bill allowing attorney fees for administrative review of medical disputes. WCD is also preparing proposed permanent rule changes. The Medical Advisory Committee is asked to serve as part of the external advisory committee on the permanent rule changes.

ACTION: The November 21 meeting of MAC will double as the External Advisory Committee for the Division 09 (Medical Fee) and Division 10 (Medical Services) rules.

Future Planning: A meeting was scheduled for January 23, 2004. At that meeting, the committee will set out its calendar for 2004.

ACTION: Members should email Nancy (nancy.h.bieber@state.or.us) to submit preferred days of the week/weeks of the month to aid in future scheduling.

DECISION: The committee voted to recommend adding a nurse practitioner as a full member of the committee, and to add a clinical pharmacist as consulting member. Nancy was asked to recruit the new members.