



## **Meeting Summary**

April 25, 2003

**Members present:** Tamara Arthur, DO; Rebecca Brown, RN; Joseph Eusterman, MD; Timothy Keenen, MD; Frank Prideaux, DC; Gary Rischitelli, MD; Marsha Sorum; Tom Williams; Franklin Wong, MD

**WCD MAC staff:** Nancy Bieber, Debra Buchanan, Barbara Smith

**Others present:** none

**Absent:** Charles Carter, MD, Walter LaChapelle

### **A. Continuation of Autologous Chondrocyte Implantation (ACT) Review.**

The committee discussed options for handling use of ACT in Oregon workers compensation cases. There is currently no mention of the procedure in the administrative rules. The committee decided to recommend a rule disallowing the procedure except under specific conditions, similar to the way IDET is handled in the rules. They also decided to provide guidelines for the Medical Review Unit's use in disputes.

**Action:** Dr. Keenen will draft guidelines, based on Washington L&I's guidelines, and bring it to the next meeting. Dr Keenen will also ask the three top Oregon users of the procedure for their feedback on the guidelines.

### **B. IDET**

New information was distributed regarding IDET, which will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Action:** Members will review the new information.

### **C. Memorandum on DRX900 and Similar Devices.**

The committee reviewed a draft memo to John Shilts regarding the DRX 9000 traction device. The committee agreed that use of the device should be billed for traction only, but more research is needed.

**Action:** Nancy Bieber will research code definitions of “manipulation” and “traction” to see how they would affect the memo and will bring information to the next meeting.

**Action:** Tom Williams and Frank Prideaux will bring information to the next meeting on billing codes recommended by the manufacturers of the DRX 9000 and similar devices.

**Action:** Rebecca Brown will check to see what billing codes are coming in to Liberty Northwest. She will check with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for the same kind of information.

#### **D. Legislative Update.**

Nancy Bieber gave a legislative update. She noted that HB 2828 is being amended and there will be a hearing on the bill on Monday, April 28.

**Action:** If HB 2828 gets a “do pass” at the hearing on April 28, Nancy Bieber will email committee members a copy of the amended bill to gather input.

#### **E. Objective findings definition.**

The committee voted to continue working on a definition of “objective findings” for a future legislative concept.

#### **F. Next meeting.**

The committee decided to begin meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month, beginning with June 6, 2003. The meeting will again be at the state office building in Portland.