



Meeting Notes: September 8, 2006

Members Present: Ronald Bowman, M.D., Chair; Timothy Keenan, M.D., Vice-chair; Brad Lorber, M.D; Frank Prideaux, D.C.; Gary Rischitelli, M.D; Pam DeVisser, F.N.P; Linda Olsen, SAIF;

Members Absent: Hans Carlson, MD; Franklin Wong, M.D; Tom Williams, P.T.; Chloe Oliver, City of Portland; Maria Carraher, Injured Worker Rep.

WCD committee staff present: Debra Buchanan, Holly Mercer

Dr. Bowman called the meeting to order.

Meeting minutes approved for July 21, 2006.

Update Medical Quality Initiative (MQI): *Holly Mercer* (handout ongoing project)

Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Medical Reporting: Preparing a plan to transition from bulletin 220 reporting to ANSI 837 HIPAA-compliant medical data reporting from payer to regulator.

Medical Provider Outreach: Developing a plan to provide outreach, consultation, and training to medical providers.

Pharmacy: Will provide research, data analysis and recommendations to address pharmaceutical cost containment solutions from a system and statewide perspective.

It was suggested by the MAC committee that it would be helpful to doctors to have drug cost comparisons. Also, it appears that more hard data is needed with regard to injured workers receiving (or not) prescription medications in the first 60 days of the claim.

Review Decision Process Model Draft Memo: *Debbie Buchanan*

The committee reviewed the memo. There was a motion to approve and the committee voted to approve the Review Decision Process Model memo. The memo can be placed in the committee member's binders under definitions. The final version will also be available on the MAC web site.

Lumbar Artificial Disc: *Debbie Buchanan & Juerg Kunz*

Additional studies were provided to committee members with an updated spreadsheet of all the information submitted to the committee on this topic. Copies of the additional studies/information will be mailed to members that are absent. The additional documents were received after the July 21, 2006 MAC meeting and the August 9, 2006 industry notice. Gary Rischitelli, MD, spoke to the committee about techniques on how to apply science-based analysis of the studies and documents, and how to give weight or rank to the research studies and documents. Dr. Rischitelli noted that the guideline he supplied was an example of what could be done. He proposed that the committee adopt criteria for grading the internal validity of individual studies. He and Dr. Keenan will do more work on a model for MAC between now and the next meeting, and bring back a formal recommendation to the MAC in November. There are more studies that are under review and should be finalized soon. Dr. Keenan will send the latest two studies to Debbie Buchanan to have distributed to the committee.

It was noted that Charite and Pro Disc are not the same and should be looked at separately. Dr. Keenen noted, there will be a CPT code for lumbar artificial disc surgery coming sometime in January. The committee agrees that this is not ready for a vote on the merits yet.

Next Meeting: November 17, 2006, 9-11:30 in Room 260

Action Items:

What: Review, read, analyze, and rank the studies on Lumbar Artificial Disc.

By Whom: Dr. Keenen and Dr. Rischitelli. Juerg will be the keeper of the index/spreadsheet.

By When: By next meeting on November 17, 2006.