

Industrial Insurance Chiropractic Advisory Committee (IICAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: November 19, 2009 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.



FINAL

Present: Robert Baker, DC
Clay Bartness, DC
Roger Coleman, DC
Linda DeGroot, DC
Michael Dowling, DC, Chair
Lissa Grannis, DC
Jay Lawhead, DC (by phone)
Bill Pratt, DC, Vice Chair
Ron Wilcox, DC
Bob Mootz, DC
Janet Blume
Reshma Kearney
La Vonda McCandless
Joanne McDaniel
Jason McGill

Absent: Carole Horrell

Guests: Tom Hurst, DC

General Business

9/17/09 IICAC minutes:

Moved, Seconded, Carried: Minutes were approved as written.

Department Updates

The new report of accident was distributed and members briefed on the changes.

Legislative Update:

Josh Swanson, L&I Legislative Liaison, reported the upcoming 60 day legislative session will focus on developing a budget. L&I did not put forward request legislation this year.

Crime Victims' Compensation Programs (CVCP) will be scrutinized due to budget concerns and increasing caseload, as they exist in multiple agencies. For efficiency, the legislature may consider combining all into one program housed at DSHS.

Workers' Compensation will receive a great deal of attention this session; many options will likely be proposed. Early in the rate setting effort, Governor Gregoire directed L&I, Business, and Labor to look for improvements to the pension system. They are negotiating and looking at all options. 53% of the Accident Fund rate increase is due to the number of pensions on L&I's roles.

COHE Update:

Diana Drylie, COHE Manager, reported Business, Labor, and the Worker's Compensation Advisory Committee's Healthcare Subcommittee determined COHE should move out of the pilot phase and move toward statewide implementation. A high level action plan has been developed for this transition; many details must be determined over the next three years.

Goal: Create a way to finance for COHE services on a by-claim basis (the current funding model is by administrative contract in addition to by-claim service). It is expected the methodology will be developed and adopted within 2 years. In addition, exploration of payment incentives for performance and use of occupational health best practices is underway.

Developing criteria for new COHEs and re-credentialing existing COHEs requires many considerations:

- Who/which facilities can become a COHE?
- Do we encourage competition or collaboration between COHEs in an area?
- Performance measurements: Looking at accreditation models
- How so self insured employers work in the COHE system?
- What happens with COHE evaluations and who are the control groups? Will we contract with the UW to do the analysis and evaluations?
- Are new incentives necessary? If so, what is appropriate?

Upcoming project steps to recruit two new COHEs by 2013 (probably the most need is in southwest Washington):

- Design
- Test models
- Communications to actively recruit new COHE facilities and individuals
- Application process

PPQ Subcommittee Report:

Jay Lawhead, DC reported the subcommittee has reviewed numerous research studies on shoulder conservative assessment and treatment of shoulder conditions. A first draft of the practice resource will be sent to the full committee before the February meeting. The subcommittee expects to ask the full committee to make a recommendation to post the draft for public comment and recommend adoption of the resource at the May meeting.

PEO Subcommittee:

Ron Wilcox, DC shared the oversized flow chart/table of Worker's Compensation care for a basic claim (medical only, no time loss.) IICAC approved moving forward to finalization. The vision is to possibly publish it on the IICAC website if it can be reduced to one 8.5" x 11" page.

Agenda Planning for the February 2010 Quarterly Meeting:

Topics:

- Functional Recovery Questionnaire, Bob Mootz, DC, 40 minutes.
- Update on Health Services Analysis Programs, Janet Peterson, HAS Program Manager, 30 minutes.
- Shoulder Practice Resource, Bob Mootz, DC and Jay Lawhead, DC, 20 minutes.
- Subcommittee reports, Jay Lawhead, DC and Ron Wilcox, DC, 10 minutes
- Agenda planning for the 5/20/09 IICAC quarterly meeting.

Next Meeting:

The full IICAC meet reconvene on Thursday, February 18, 2010 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.