

Industrial Insurance Medical Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes for April 28, 2011 Meeting

Topic	Discussion & Outcome(s)
Welcome & Introductions	<p>Members present: Drs. Bishop, Carter, Chamblin, Friedman, Howe, Firestone, Harmon (by phone), Lang, Ploss, Sullivan, Tauben, Yorioka, Zoltani</p> <p>Members absent: Dr. Waring</p> <p>L&I staff present: Dr. Franklin, Dr. Glass, Dr. Stockbridge, Diane Reus, Jami Lifka, Jaymie Mai, Josh Morse, Reshma Kearney, Carole Winegar</p> <p>Members of the public present: Bill Alkire, Alkire & Associates; Regine Neiders and Ryan Guppy, United Back Care</p>
Health Technology Clinical Committee- Decision on Spinal Injections	<p>Josh Morse and Gary Franklin discussed the recent HTCC decision on spinal injections. The committee only reviewed the scientific evidence on therapeutic injections. Epidural injections are covered with conditions, but facet injections are non-covered.</p>
Coverage Decision Update	<p>Josh Morse presented 2 brief evidence reviews: 1) Platelet Rich Plasma/Autologous Blood Injections. The committee agreed that continued non-coverage of these procedures for all conditions is appropriate based on the mixed and limited evidence. 2) Microdebridement with Topaz® for various tendinopathies was reviewed. IIMAC agreed with a decision for non-coverage based on the limited evidence available. The department will update coverage policies for these procedures.</p>
Legislative Update	<p>Jason McGill summarized legislative bills that passed:</p> <p>SB 5801- Establishing medical provider networks and expanding centers for occupational health and education in the industrial insurance system; defines risk of harm.</p> <p>ESHB 1311- Establishing a public/private collaborative to improve health care quality, cost-effectiveness, and outcomes in Washington State.</p> <p>ESHB 1725- Relating to administrative efficiencies for the Workers' compensation program.</p> <p>E2SSB 5073- Medical use of cannabis.</p> <p>SSB 5445- Health benefit exchange.</p> <p>SB 5480- Submission of certain information by physicians and physician assistants at the time of license renewal.</p> <p>An update on other bills which were still under consideration as of 4-27-11 was also provided.</p>
Report from Chronic Pain (CHPN) Subcommittee	<p>Dr. Friedman reported that the subcommittee had completed the CRPS diagnosis section of the treatment guideline and nearly completed the treatment section. The guideline will be available for IIMAC review in the beginning of June. Final approval will be voted upon at the next full committee meeting. The subcommittee will begin work on the opioid guidelines at the June meeting.</p>
Review and approve minutes from 1/28/11 IIMAC meeting	<p>ACTION TAKEN: Minutes were approved.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Next meeting for the IIMAC is on July 28, 2011, 1-5pm <u>Location is:</u> Port of Seattle-Beijing Conf. Room/17801 International Blvd., Room 6012M Seattle, WA 98158 206.787.5698 (conference facilities).</p>