

Industrial Insurance Chiropractic Advisory Committee (IICAC)

Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2024

Hybrid Meeting occurred via Zoom/L&I Headquarters, Tumwater Room S130

Members Present

David Folweiler, DC (Chair)
Kelly Golob, DC (Vice Chair)
Wini Hamilton, DC
Michael Pettet, DC
Sandra Lester, DNP, DC
Robert Curtis, DC
Aaron Jorgensen, DC
Michael Covington, DC

Members Not Present

Matthew Waldron, DC

L&I Staff

Morgan Young
Kim Wallace
Karen Jost
Amy Updike
Azadeh Farokhi
Bob Waring
Jennifer Jutte
Ji Young Nam
Lee Glass
Suzyn Daniel
Cortney Sorter
Hans Burger
Tiffany Meeks
Victoria Rich

Hybrid Hints (David Folweiler)

David Folweiler reviewed the settings for participants of the hybrid meeting for optimal video and audio.

Welcome (David Folweiler)

Introductions

IICAC Chair David Folweiler called the meeting to order and led introductions.

Review & Approve Agenda

Committee members reviewed and approved the agenda for the October 10, 2024 IICAC quarterly meeting. Approved and motion carried.

Approve Meeting Minutes from 7/18/2024*

Committee members reviewed the final meeting minutes from the July 18, 2024 quarterly meeting. Approved and motion carried.

Safety Tip

Dr. Folweiler presented the safety tip about proper candle use.

Subluxation Diagnosis and Accepted Conditions (Hans Burger and Morgan Young)

Hans Burger addressed Segmental and Somatic dysfunction and Subluxation, highlighting that these diagnoses do not need to be reported to the department. Providers can bill under the primary musculoskeletal diagnosis, and chiropractic adjustment of adjacent areas may be allowed under certain criteria. The discussion also touched on barriers to recovery and secondary effects, along with examples of claims.

Physical Medicine Service Alignment (Morgan Young)

Morgan provided an overview of the Physical Medicine Service Alignment project, focusing on whether the relevant WAC rules are equitable, properly followed, and supportive of return-to-work efforts. Key considerations include improving access, coding accuracy, and patient outcomes, while also addressing duplication of care. The team reviewed WAC 296-21-290 and discussed issues related to physical medicine referrals and definitions. Potential changes discussed included which

professions can bill for specific physical medicine services, reporting requirements, and training of related code sets.

Updates

ACHIEv – David Folweiler

David provided highlights from the recent ACHIEv meeting. The committee reviewed and approved the final draft of the conflict of interest form. Karen Jost discussed updates to the SOSi/Woodbridge system, focusing on how to register and manage interpreter requests. Mike Ratko presented on the Insurance Services Health Dashboard, noting a decrease in long-term disability claims and a slight increase in funded pensions, along with improved performance in workers' compensation measures. The committee took a moment to celebrate Mike Ratko's 30 years of service. The COHE introduced quality assurance projects planned for 2024 - 2025, while Cherell Fisher outlined guidelines for evaluating contested medical conditions. Coral Suhrbier presented data from pensions granted since 2014.

Agency Update – Kim Wallace

Kim provided an agency update, announcing several personnel changes: Mike Ratko has retired and was succeeded by Brenda Heilman as of October 1st. Kirsta Glenn has transitioned into the deputy AD position, and Cherell Fisher has become the new chief of claims following Cheri Ward's retirement.

AP Referral Form Discussion- David Folweiler

The members discussed a new two-page fillable PDF form, noting its advantages and disadvantages. They highlighted that the two-page format appears less cluttered and enhances clarity.

Updates

PEO – Kelly Golob: The PEO subcommittee is focusing on the AP referral form and local regional presentations to the chiropractic community.

PPQ – Michael Covington: The PPQ is focusing on best practices for conservative care resources related to foot and ankle conditions. Additionally, they noted that an outdated attending provider resource is still available online and needs to be removed.

HTCC – Morgan Young: The HTCC is drafting several evidence reports and finalizing one evidence report. The topics were reviewed with the committee.

Public Comment (David Folweiler)

There was no public comment.

Meeting Wrap Up (David Folweiler)

David noted that the meeting was brief and expressed a desire to include a coder specialized in chiropractic coding in future discussions. The planning and location for the 2025 meetings were addressed, with Morgan emphasizing a focus on vision plans for that year. Kelly raised concerns about interpreter services, highlighting issues and barriers that the committee has encountered with those services.

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