

Industrial Insurance Medical Advisory Committee Meeting

Quarterly Meeting Minutes for **10/28/2021**

Prepared by: Molly Dutton, ONC

IIMAC Members Present

Andrew Friedman (chair)
Kirk Harmon (co-chair)
Jiho Bryson
Greg Carter
Mike Codsì
Laurie Gwerder
Monica Haines
Chris Howe (sub-chair)
Robert (Bob) Lang
Jean-Christophe (JC) Leveque
Louis Lim
Linda Seaman
Stephen Thielke

IIMAC Members Absent

N/A

Public Commenters

Peter Nguyen

I. Welcome, Ask for Public Comments, and Introductions (Andrew Friedman, MD)

*Call to order at **1:08 pm** with a quorum **present**

II. Safety Tips (Andrew Friedman, MD)

Watch out for trick-or-treaters! Fireplace, fire and space heater safety. Xylitol is very toxic/lethal to dogs. Lethal is 50 mg, one piece of gum is about 9 mg.

III. Approve Minutes (Andrew Friedman, MD) From July 28, 2021

*First motion: Monica Haines

*Second motion: Bob Lang

^^No opposed/all approved

IV. Summary from ACHIEv (Kim Wallace)

Summary:

Reviewed highlights from today's meeting. Details may be obtained from ACHIEv minutes.

V. Work Rehabilitation Guideline Final Discussion, Public Comment, (Morgan Young, DC)

• *Vote

• ^^Approve, unanimous.

Summary:

Goals were to serve as an instructional aid for providers delivering work rehab and shape policy rehab. Provide UR staff with information necessary to make recommendations about medical necessity and clinical appropriateness of work rehabilitation. Public comments reviewed (only one public commenter). No changes needed with respect to any of these comments. Behavioral health interventions will help with the pain concern that was brought up. Similarly, encourage utilization of care team coordination that already exists to help with chronic pain management.

VI. mCOT (Modified Chronic Opioid Therapy) Pilot (Jason Fodeman, MD, Jaymie Mai, PharmD)

• *Presentation ended with open question and answer period

Summary:

Reviewed history of opioid prescribing guidelines and initiatives at the Department. Jason and Jaymie then transitioned to discussing current efforts at L&I to tackle the opioid epidemic. The current focus is on patients on chronic opioid therapy given the risks of these medicines and needs of this populations. These efforts are being done in support of the Bree Collaborative's Opioid Prescribing: Long Term Therapy Report and Recommendations adopted May 2020. In partnership with the regional ONC, OMD is developing the mCOT pilot an evidence-based, worker centered approach to managing chronic opioid therapy. Jason reviewed the objectives and key components of the mCOT pilot. The objectives of which include reducing harms and improving care for workers who are on chronic opioid therapy and providing resources and education opportunities to help busy providers managing workers on chronic opioids. OMD has convened a workgroup with field ONCs and other key stakeholders such as claims, office of



change management and communications to develop the policies, processes and resources for this pilot. Jaymie then introduced the Committee to some of the tools and support that the group has developed to support the field ONCs in this work. The floor was opened for discussion and feedback was given/questions were answered.

VII. SIMP Report and Recommendations (Jaymie May PharmD, Jason Fodeman MD)

- *Feedback was the goal of this presentation, which was received after a brief summary of materials.

Summary:

Jason and Jaymie gave a brief review of conclusions and recommendations of the SIMP Review report and then asked for feedback from the Committee on next steps.

VIII. Provider Credentialing Project (Provider One System; Jennine Griffo)

Summary:

Will now be moving from paper to electronic. Will deploy in phases, starting in January and go in batches. This will allow providers to go to only one place for credentialing. Providers will have to ensure their contact information is current.

IX. Updates:

- **PCORI Washington & Ohio Worker Study (Gary Franklin, MD)**
 - Using the state Prescription Drug Monitoring Systems, we have found that not all opioid prescriptions are being captured in the workers compensation billing system, closer to 60%. This is worse in Ohio. This has led to the research team to reassess the analytic framework for the Specific Aims of the study.
- **COVID (Cheri Ward)**
 - Review of COVID claims so far, State Fund versus Self-Insurance. Total of about 9300 cases, >50% related to healthcare industry. There is a provider COVID awareness campaign for Presumptive Coverage for healthcare and frontline workers who test positive for COVID-19. In addition to serving as treating providers, they are also covered by these new laws as frontline healthcare workers and are presumed to have been exposed at work, are eligible for medical and work/time loss related to COVID contracted at work. They are hoping to get as many people aware of this presumptive legislation to assist with filing a workers' compensation claims.
- **Lumbar Spine Implementation Date- 10/03/2021 (Zach Gray)**
 - Lumbar spine guideline officially implemented as of 10/03/2021

Meeting adjourned at **2:53 pm**