

Industrial Insurance Medical Advisory Committee Meeting

Quarterly Meeting Minutes for **04/28/2022**

Prepared by: Molly Dutton, ONC

IIMAC Members Present

Jiho Bryson
Greg Carter
Mike Codsi
Andrew Friedman (Chair)
Laurie Gwerder
Monica Haines
Kirk Harmon (Vice-chair)
Chris Howe
Robert (Bob) Lang
Jean-Christophe (JC) Leveque
Louis Lim
Stephen Thielke
Patricia (Pattie) Waring

IIMAC Members Absent

Linda Seaman

L&I Staff and Presenters

Suzyn Daniel- L&I
Molly Dutton- L&I
Shari Fowler-Koorn- Comagine
Gary Franklin- L&I
Lee Glass- L&I
Kirsta Glenn- L&I
Jessica Gomez- L&I
Zach Gray- L&I
Jennine Griffo- L&I
Tammy Havner- L&I
Jennifer Jonely- L&I
Karen Jost- L&I
Jaime Mai- L&I
Jason McGrew- L&I
Tiffany Meeks- L&I

Shannon Pitts- L&I
Mike Ratko- L&I
John Sparks- Comagine
Kim Wallace- L&I
Cheri Ward- L&I
Morgan Young- L&I

Public Attendees

Tricia Daniel- WSIA Medical Rep
Sheryl Divina
Leasa Duce
Michael Harris
Cara Beth Lee- Comagine
Peter Low
Regina McGovern- Comagine
Regine Neiders
Susan Ragen- AGO
Kevin Smith- Comagine
Terri Smith-Weller- UW
Lawrence Van Daley
Mariko Yatsu- AGO
Scott Slattery- Comagine

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

*Call to order at **1:00 pm**

^^Quorum **present**

Safety Tips (Andrew Friedman)

Tips on how to avoid and prevent slips, trips, and falls.

Approve Minutes (Andrew Friedman) From 01/27/2022

*First motion: Greg Carter

*Second motion: Bob Lang

^^No opposed/all approved

Introductions/welcome:

- New IIMAC Member- Pattie Waring
- Assistant Director for Insurance Services - Mike Ratko
- Utilization Review Manager - Shauna Muendel

Review of ACHIEv (Kim Wallace)

Highlights reviewed. Please see formal minutes for more detail.

Superior Capsular Reconstruction [SCR] Shoulder Surgery Review (Mike Codsí, Jennifer Jonely)

A SCR shoulder surgery review was implemented. Lack of American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeon (ASES) scores in patient charts limited the ability analyze statistically. Compiled outcome data may be shared with providers in the future.

Utilization Review Presentation (Shari Fowler-Koorn, John Sparks)

Comagine is the current utilization review (UR) vendor for L&I. Utilization management workflows include a combination of clinical review and physician review, as needed, in determining approval/denial recommendations. Comagine presented historical and current data analysis pertaining to lumbar fusion, laminectomy, cervical spine surgery, knee surgery, meniscectomy, shoulder surgery, distal clavicle excision, bicep tenodesis, and foot/ankle utilization.

Washington Health Alliance Low Back Pain Implementation Collaborative (Andrew Friedman)

Most patients with low back pain (LBP) don't seek medical care and their pain resolves spontaneously. The Collaborative worked with numerous insurance carriers on how to support care for LBP patients, with the focus being on supportive, alternate care. The Collaborative wants to provide patients with the best care options and outcomes, which has resulted in the creation of a care pathway. There is especially a focus on behavioral changes and a multidisciplinary approach.

Subcommittee Topics or Guideline Amendments (Zach Gray, Molly Dutton)

Subcommittee topics are based on input by stakeholders with an emphasis placed on concerns pertaining to safety, efficacy, and utilization review; outcomes research; and changes in evidence-based recommendations. Discussion included previously suggested topics and newly presented ideas.

Evidence-Based Policy Post-*Murray* Decision (Jami Lifka, Gary Franklin)

The original *Murray* decision was in 2018 in the Washington State Supreme Court. The presentation discussed L&I's application of HTCC non-covered determinations and the *Murray* decision and the anticipated rulemaking timeline. Proposed rule changes will include an open public comments period.

Agenda and Meeting Planning Location for 2022 (Andrew Friedman)

Meeting adjourned at **5:01 pm**