

MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

DECEMBER 10, 2014

ATTENDEES:

Robert Snyder, MD
Abbie Hudgens, Administrator, TN Div. of WC
Jeffrey Hazlewood, MD
Ginny Howard, Zurich
Rob Behnke, Cracker Barrel
Misty Williams, Travelers
Randall Holcomb, MD, Orthopedic Surgeon
John Brophy, MD, Neurosurgeon
Keith Graves, DC, Chiropractor
James Talmage, MD
Gregory Kyser, MD
John Dreyzehner, Commissioner, TN Department of Health

On Phone:

Lisa Hartman, RN, TN AFLCIO
Rod Bordelon, Jr., Former Commissioner of Texas Division of WC
Rachel Bower, Resident Pharmacist for Jason Carter, Pharm D
Dr. Mankani, Regional Medical Director, Liberty Mutual
Brian Allen, Helios
Ken Eichler, ODG

Guests:

Michael Bolen, Medtronic
Robin Smith, Neuro Spine Committee
Jim Schmidt, Medtronic
Gracie Farias, Medtronic
Leann Lewis, Coventry Work Comp
Mary Ryan, Medtronic
Lou Alsobrook, Smith Harris
Robert Gowan, Millsaps Gowan Government Relations
Treva Overstreet, CorVel Corp.

Approval of Minutes:

One Change: Mr. Bordelon from Texas was on the line for the last meeting. No other additions or corrections to the Minutes. Stand approved as circulated.

Dr. Snyder: Since our last meeting, I have participated in 4 particular Webinars of interest to this Committee. The webinar slides were distributed and reviewed with the Committee from Helios, WCRI

and Aegis Labs and the Summary of the present status of improvement in Tennessee Worker's Compensation medication control.

Closed Formulary: An extensive informative discussion by Commissioner Rod Bordelon (Texas), Ken Eichler (ODG) and Brian Allen (Helios) ensued with questions and comments from the committee about implementation of the closed formulary, how it implemented in Texas and other states, along with the anticipated problems and results.

Concern was expressed that the prior approval process might be a problem when prescriptions are presented during off hours (weekends) causing delay in the prescription being authorized.

The Committee unanimously recommended to the Administrator to start the rule development implementing the closed formulary. Administrator Abbie Hudgens outlined some further steps that would be taken to include carriers, PBMs and employers.

Lisa Hartman with the TN AFLCIO states, we support the Formulary provided there is an appeal system for non-formulary drugs.

MAC Committee Elections: Dr. Tutor was unanimously elected Committee Chairman.

Condolences were expressed on behalf of the committee to Ken Eichler upon the recent death of his father.

Treatment Guidelines: Discussion began with Dr. Keith Graves expressing his concerns his experiences and observations with ODG (handout distributed). Dr. Brophy and Dr. Holcomb raised concerns and expressed reservation about ODG. Ken Eichler (ODG) will go to Memphis to meet with Dr. Brophy for further analysis of ODG and hands on training.

Closing Remarks and Adjournment.

Next Meeting: February 25, 2015 at 1 p.m.

Approved as amended on February 25, 2015.