

## **MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**June 16, 2015**

### **ATTENDEES:**

David Tutor, MD, Committee Chair  
Robert Snyder, MD, Medical Director, TN Div. of WC  
Abbie Hudgens, Administrator, TN Div. of WC  
Troy Haley, Esq., TN. Div. of WC  
Keith Graves, DC, Chiropractor  
Rob Behnke, Cracker Barrel  
John Dreyzehner, MD, TN Dept. of Health  
John Brophy, MD, Neurosurgeon  
Gregory Kyser, MD, Psychiatrist  
Misty Williams, Travelers Ins.  
Ginny Howard, Zurich Ins.  
Suzy Douglas, TN Div. of WC  
Kelly Burns, TN Div. of WC  
Margaret Collier, TN Div. of WC

### **GUESTS:**

Lou Alsobrooks, Smith Harris  
Ron Jackson, American Insurance Association  
Jim Schmidt, Schmidt Govt. Solutions  
Ken Eichler, ODG, Work Loss Data Institute  
Treva Overstreet, Corvel  
Yarnell Beatty, Tennessee Medical Association  
Terry Parker, Vanderbilt Corporate Health  
Mary Ryan, Medtronics  
Leann Lewis, Coventry

### **ON PHONE:**

Jaelene Fayhee, My Matrixx  
Adam Fowler, Helios

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Moved to accept the minutes by Dr. Keith Graves, and seconded by Dr. John Brophy. The minutes from the last meeting were approved as written.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Troy Haley, Esq. provided information regarding the current Legislative Update re: Public Chapter 341. URAC legislation was explained, which now includes U/R organization having been passed and signed into law. Treatment Guidelines and rule making process timeframes were discussed. Once the treatment guidelines and rules have been sent to the AG’s office, copies will be made available subjective to AG changes.

Treatment Guidelines, Dr. Snyder:

1. Exceptions will be expedited.
2. The rule making process was outlines by Troy Haley.
3. In the treatment guidelines, it refers to Dept. of Health chronic pain guidelines.
4. 21 day provision – If provider has received written authorization from Carrier, provider can expect payment for treatment.
5. The closed formulary will be in effect January 1, 2016. Again, if the injured worker is prescribed an N drug, the PBM will notify pharmacy. Ideally, 3 day prior approval process.  
Dr. Kyser suggests there be a standardized form, containing all necessary information necessary for decision to be made on N drugs.

First fill: Any medication is considered appropriate for 7 days w/exception of what is no appropriate for 1st line treatment.

Compounding and topicals will need prior approval by July 1, 2016.

If medication is denied, but physician feels it is medically unsafe to switch, physician may appeal to Medical Director and decision will be made within 72 hours.

All recordable prescriptions must be reported to CSMD within business day beginning January 1, 2016.

Effective:	January 1, 2016
New Rx, new injury	July 1, 2016
New Rx, old injury	July 1, 2016
Old Rx, old injury	January 1, 2017 (Legacy Period)

Providers will have to add appropriate meds to CSMD by January 1, 2016.

Utilization Review is utilized for Medical Necessity only, not Causation or Compensability.

Supplemental Spine Study Group will consist of a cross-section of physicians from across the state, including Rett Blake, MD (Chattanooga), John Brophy, MD (Memphis), Greg Cardino, MD (Kingsport), Scott Hodge, DO (Chattanooga), Paul Johnson, MD (Knoxville) and Avery Parker (Memphis). The study group will have a report made available to this Committee by the September meeting.

UR Oversight – The Medical Director will be tracking inappropriate UR reviews.

How do we communicate and educate changes taking place in TN WC?

1. Work with TMA, submit articles for Journal.
2. Dr. Talmage is working with Tennessee Neurosurgical Society.
3. Ken Eichler, online and in person training classes for providers, adjusters, etc.
4. Continued Division of WC adjuster training throughout the state.
5. Other suggestions: Schedule talks with Practice Manager Assn, TN Chiropractors Assn., TN Chamber meetings, CorVel, emails and letters to adjusters and legal teams/TPA's, creation of an online webinar for out of state adjusters with interactive ability.

ICD-10: We are seeking a rule change for Workers Compensation. This will require all parties to use ICD.10 as of October 1, 2015 according to CMS guidelines.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Rob Behnke questioned the scope of Drug Free Workplace Program. This will be added to the agenda of the next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** August 26, 2015, 1-3 PM.

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**