

## MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 23, 2015

### **ATTENDEES:**

David Tutor, MD, Committee Chair  
Robert Snyder, MD, Medical Director  
Abbie Hudgens, Administrator, TN Div. of WC  
Troy Haley, TN Div. of WC  
Jeffrey Hazlewood, MD, Asst. Medical Director  
John Dreyzehner, MD, TN Dept. of Health  
Douglas Weikert, MD  
Ginny Howard, Zurich  
Rob Behnke, Cracker Barrel  
Misty Williams, Travelers Ins.  
Ginny Howard, Zurich Ins.  
John Brophy, MD, Neurosurgeon  
Keith Graves, DC, Chiropractor  
Lisa Hartman, RN, TN AFLCIO  
Gregory Kyser, MD  
Dr. Jason Carter, Pharm D  
David Tutor, MD, Committee Chair  
Suzy Douglas, TN Div. of WC  
Margaret Collier, TN Div. of WC  
Kelly Burns, TN Div. of WC

### **ON PHONE:**

Sushil Mankani, MD, Regional Medical Director, Liberty Mutual  
Christie Griffin, ExpressScripts  
Jaelene Fayhee, MyMatrixx  
Kevin Tribout, Helios

### **GUESTS:**

Desiree Anderson, Medtronic  
Adam Jaynes, Concentra  
Yarnell Beaty, TN Medical Association  
Ken Eichler, ODG  
Tiffany Stevens, TN Chiropractic Assn.  
Treva Overstreet, CorVel  
Cory Wedding, Automated HealthCare Solutions  
Mary Ryan, Medtronic  
Jim Schmidt, Medtronic  
Faith Parrish, Vanderbilt  
Terry Parker, Vanderbilt

Laura Roberson, Vanderbilt  
Robin Smith, Rivers Edge Alliance  
Lou Alsobrooks, Smith-Harris  
Jesse Larrison, Enable Comp.  
Leann Lewis, Coventry  
John P. Williams, Tennessee Chiropractic Assoc.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Moved to accept by Dr. Kyser and seconded by Dr. Brophy. The Minutes from the last meeting were approved as written.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The floor was opened for further discussion of the treatment guidelines.

A letter was submitted by the TN AFLCIO and read to the committee by Lisa Hartman, RN recommending (1) adoption of our own TN Guides to be funded by the State of TN and/or (2) adopt ACOEM, ODG & Washington State guidelines rather than accepting one guideline.

Information was shared with the members regarding guideline education, the intended use of the guidelines and how use of the guidelines will speed up the current UR process. Doctors Kyser and Hazlewood addressed how ODG allows doctors to use whatever guidelines they want on appeal and adopting 3 separate Guidelines is not efficient. When providers quote the Guidelines, the UR process is expedited. A guideline is a *summary based on evidence based research*. It is impractical to adopt more than one guideline. On appeal, whatever guideline you want could be utilized.

Rob Benke notes ACOEM is very easy to read and interpret. He thinks it flows well and would be more helpful to adjusters than ODG. Each of the other members expressed their opinions about the pros and cons of the possible choices.

Dr. Brophy suggested that since ACOEM is not acceptable to the insurance companies and ODG is not acceptable for spine, the development of a supplemental spine study group to address the observations of the inadequacy/incompleteness of certain aspects of the recommendations for spine in ODG.

Abbie Hudgens noted that any supplemental spine recommendations must be evidence based and withstand scrutiny. Any spine supplemental recommendations will need to be ready and made available to the Committee prior to January 2016.

Nine members voted to accept ODG with the formation of a supplemental spine subcommittee group to study and present to the committee. Dr. Brophy motioned, Dr. Graves seconded. There were none opposed.

Parts of ODG are currently on the Nat'l Database that can be accessed for free. To get the Guideline in its entirety, it must be purchased. Posting on the Division website will give the date the guidelines are in place and must be utilized.

Ken Eichler stated that live and web based training of ODG will be made available throughout the state for all parties.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

**Next Meeting:** June 16, 2015, 1-3 pm.

Meeting adjourned.