

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDICAL FEE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER
100 WEST RANDOLPH STREET, ROOM 9-031, CHICAGO, IL
HELD ON MARCH 2, 2020, AT 2:00 PM**

Present at the meeting:

David Menchetti
Amy Bilton
Dr. Preston Wolin
Dr. David Fletcher
Helena Lefkow
Michael Macellaio
Tanya Dawood

Present by phone:

Ronald Rascia, General Counsel
Glen Boyle
Paula Adraski

IWCC staff present at the meeting:

Michael J. Brennan, Chairman
Michele Kowalski, Research and Education Manager
Cecelia Kasmierski, Associate General Counsel
Cole Garrett, Deputy General Counsel

Chairman Brennan called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and noted that a quorum was present. Chairman Brennan asked for a motion to approve minutes of the May 20, 2019 meeting. Ms. Bilton so moved, Mr. Macellaio seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes as presented.

As to old business, Chairman Brennan proceeded to a discussion of CompFile and the roll out of phase one. The portal is open and firms and attorneys are registered. The Board continued the discussion of electronic billing. Dr. Fletcher reported on the positive impact he has had with e-billing. Dr. Wolin agreed and then thanked Chairman Brennan and the steering committee. Dr. Wolin asked if a way to summarize billing information could be provided. Cole Garrett responded that a provider guide would be forthcoming. Chairman Brennan advised that a posting would be for information only, not direction.

As to new business, Dr. Fletcher asked to bring up access to care and the E and M codes for the June meeting. Dr. Fletcher stated that he would like to present more examples and data. Dr. Wolin agreed that the issue is the ability to provide data as to whether the fee schedule has produced a short fall. Chairman Brennan advised that information would be needed and an understanding how to accomplish this either legislatively or by rule. Next, Glen Boyle advised that the CPI adjustment for the medical fee schedule for the January 1, 2020 publication to be between 1-2%.

As to public comment, members of the public were present and made public comment. Allison Hill, MNSS Business Manager, provided public comment regarding workers' compensation reimbursement for a medical provider. Ms. Hill asked who enforces the law as it applies to the mandated workers' compensation fee schedule. Chairman Brennan advised if a bill is ordered to be paid have an arbitrator or commissioner issue an order. The

Chairman advised that the IWCC adjudicates and conducts rulemaking and cannot give legal advice. The Board discussed the guidelines and having to track the edits. Pete Duvendack, IWIRC, commented that enforcement is the issue. Chairman Brennan advised that NCCI edits impacted 2006 going forward. The Chairman advised to keep laws, rules, and guidelines separate.

Upon no further business, Ms. Bilton moved to adjourn the meeting, Dr. Fletcher seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.