

MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER, 100 WEST RANDOLPH STREET
ROOM 9-031
HELD ON JUNE 15, 2017 at 9:00 AM

Present at the meeting:

Chairman Joann Fratianni
Michael Brennan
L. Elizabeth Coppoletti
Charles DeVriendt
Joshua Luskin
Thomas Tyrrell
Deborah Simpson

Present by telephone:

David Gore
Stephen Mathis

Not Present at the meeting:

Kevin Lamborn

IWCC staff present at the meeting were:

Ronald Rascia, General Counsel
Keith Brin, Chief of Staff
Cecelia Kasmierski, Assistant General Counsel
Darlene Senger, Chief Financial Officer
Annette Roti, Confidential Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Joann Fratianni called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and noted that a quorum was present. There was a motion by Commissioner Luskin and seconded by Commissioner DeVriendt and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the meeting held on September 16, 2016. There was a motion by Commissioner Luskin and seconded by Commissioner Tyrrell and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the meeting held on October 19, 2016.

As there was no old business, Chairman Fratianni addressed new business. The Chairman advised that on March 20, 2017, the Medical Fee Advisory Board voted to increase the rates by 30% for six E&M codes: 203, 204, 205, 213, 214, 215. The Chairman advised that it was being brought to this Board to discuss and the Board would get the transcript and minutes from the MFAB meeting to review. The Chairman advised that at the next meeting, this Board could take it to a vote, a no vote, or proceed with something else.

Mr. Rascia advised that House Bill 4068 addresses the medical fee rate issues and the codes, including a 125% provision, which may moot this vote. Mr. Rascia advised that members of the MFAB have offered to appear before this Board.

Chairman Fratianni advised that Section 8.2 limits Commission review, unless it is an access to care issue. Mr. Rascia advised that in the past, cuts put codes below the medicare rate. The Medical Fee Advisory Board and the

Commission remedied that and left the issue open to revisit rate increases in the future. The Chairman advised that the Board would get the information and would be obliged to act at the next meeting.

Keith Brin advised that the IT project, round one, has accelerated from 24 months to six months regarding core functions. Mr. Brin advised that he is working with the consultants during this evaluation period to revamp the website and make it more user friendly.

There was a motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Coppoletti, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 a.m.