

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION
COMMISSION
JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER, 100 WEST RANDOLPH STREET
ROOM 9-034
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 at 9:00 AM**

Present at the meeting:

Chairman Joann Fratianni
Michael Brennan
L. Elizabeth Coppoletti
David Gore
Kevin Lamborn
Joshua Luskin
Deborah Simpson
Thomas Tyrrell

Not Present at the meeting:

Stephen Mathis
Charles DeVriendt

IWCC staff present at the meeting were:

Ronald Rascia, General Counsel
Cecelia Kasmierski, Assistant General Counsel

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 Chairman Fratianni, seconded by Commissioner Brennan, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 15, 2017.

As there was no old business, Chairman Fratianni addressed new business. The Chairman opened discussion of the Medical Fee Advisory Board's recommendation for a 30% increase to six E and M codes.

Mr. Rascia advised that the Medical Fee Advisory Board's recommendations for fee schedule reimbursements are limited to access to care. The Medical Fee Advisory Board had voted to increase reimbursement to 130%. Mr. Rascia noted that House Bill 1698 had slashed E and M codes in the past, but that the Medical Fee Advisory Board and the Commission remedied that and left the issue open to revisit rate increases in the future. Mr. Rascia noted that the WCRI report and studies show 126-130% increase in the medicare rate. Mr. Rascia advised that there would be no vote at this meeting. Mr. Rascia asked if live presentation, the WCRI report, or further information was requested by this Board.

Commissioner Brennan advised that he had the transcript and that Dr. Fletcher's and Dr. Wolin's testimony were illustrative of the problems. Commissioner Coppoletti requested underlying data regarding access to care.

Mr. Rascia advised that the Board would get the information and set the vote for the next meeting.

There was a motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Luskin, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.