



Medical Services Review Board
Oct. 22, 2009
minutes

Members present

Beth Baker, M.D.
Barbara Baum, MS PT
Glenda Cartney
Barbara Gibson, M.D.
Rose Hatmaker
John Kipp, M.D.
Reed Pollack
Jody Ruppert, OTR
Andrew Schmidt, M.D.
Jon Talsness, M.D.

Members excused

Philip Bachman, M.D.
Jeffrey Bonsell, D.C.
Michael Goertz, M.D.
Kathi Hendrickson, R.N.
Gregory Hynan, D.C.
Robin Peterson, PT
Elizabeth Shogren, R.N.
Andrea Trimble Hart

Staff members present

Kate Berger
William Lohman, M.D.
Patricia Todd
Lisa Wichterman
Jana Williams

Visitors present

Marge Bigelow, MAPS
Natalie Haefner, WCRA
Jennifer Hinnenthal, Medtronic
Lisa Eckroth, Purdue
Heather Keenan, MAPS Clinics
Peter Lewon, MNA
David Schultz, M.D., Pain Physicians
Erin Sexton, Medtronic

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Beth Baker at 4:05 p.m. A quorum was present. Members and staff members introduced themselves.

Approval of the July 16, 2009 minutes

Dr. Barbara Gibson made a motion to approve the July 16, 2009, minutes as presented. Rose Hatmaker second the motion. All voted in favor – motion passed.

Announcements and updates

Members whose terms are expiring in January were encouraged to reapply for their board positions. The meeting dates for 2010 were discussed. The dates are: Jan. 21, April 15, July 15 and Oct. 28. The new rules for permanent partial disability schedule and the medical treatment parameters were published in the *State Register* Oct. 19, 2009.

Electronic meetings

Electronic meetings using WebEx will begin with the Jan. 21, 2010 meeting. Members must sign up for training if they wish to attend meetings via WebEx. Training for members is about an hour long. DLI will arrange a training meeting for members who will train at their personal computer and phone. WebEx Event Center software will be used. MSRB members will be able to speak and point out items on the website. The general public can log on, hear and see the meeting, but cannot speak. The public can post comments for members to address. The public must register prior to the meeting so DLI can e-mail responses to the comments or questions presented. MSRB will vote on issues via role call. WebEx meetings will be recorded.

Intrathecal pumps

Reports and materials for the intrathecal pump studies are available for review on the DLI website. Length of time of each study is on the shorter side (fewer than 12 months).

The board members reviewed the public comments and recommendations received about the intrathecal pump drug delivery systems. There was discussion about which drugs are effective for pain control that are appropriate for use with the pump.

Dr. Dave Schultz spoke regarding the use of the pumps and what drugs are used in the pumps. Dr. Schultz referred to a study that is in the material provided online. Different drug combinations should be used in the pumps based on each injured worker's individual needs. Ten percent of Dr. Schultz's patients are workers' compensation patients.

Dr. Andy Schmidt made a motion recommending the approval of implementing the report about intrathecal pump studies for rulemaking. Barbara Baum seconded the motion. All voted in favor – motion passed.

Dr. Kipp made a motion to be silent about what drugs are to be used in the intrathecal pump. Reed Pollock seconded the motion. All voted in favor – motion passed.

Glenda Cartney made motion for approval that a minimum trial period be recommended for intrathecal pump usage. Dr. Schmidt seconded the motion. All voted in favor – motion passed.

Long-term management of pumps appears to be specific to each patient, but most patients keep the pump on a long-term basis and, therefore, use substantially fewer oral narcotics.

Dr. Schmidt made a motion to revise drafted language regarding the discontinuation use of a pump. Cartney seconded the motion. All voted in favor – motion passed.

Written agreements for long-term opioid use

The board reviewed the written agreement for long-term opioid use. Dr. Kipp suggested pharmacies be added to the list of providers that employees must not use as an additional source to obtain narcotics from. The board had positive reaction to contract. Employees are required to report stolen narcotic prescriptions to the police.

The next MSRB meeting is scheduled for Jan. 21, 2010.

Adjournment

Pollack made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Baum seconded the motion. All voted in favor – motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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