

**Rehabilitation Review Panel  
July 23, 2015  
Meeting Minutes**

**RRP Members Present**

Duane Butorac  
Carl Crimmins  
Dr. Russell Gelfman  
Dr. Richard Hills  
Steve Hollander  
Laura Jerde  
Dr. Stephen Jobe  
Carol Norris  
Alissa O'Hara  
Bobbi Pearson  
Mary Wells

**Non-Voting Members Excused**

William Martin

**Voting Members Excused**

Margaret Kasting  
Scott Parker  
Lisa Weed

**Visitors/DLI Staff**

Ken Peterson, DLI Commissioner  
Chris Leifeld, Assistant Commissioner  
Jon Brothen  
Michael Haire  
Sonya Herr, Executive Secretary  
Mike Hill, Business Liaison  
Mark McCrea  
Jessica Stimac  
Darci Wing  
Brian Zaidman

**Call to Order**

Chair Duane Butorac called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Introductions were made. A quorum was met.

**Approval of Minutes**

Alissa O'Hara moved to approve the April 2, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Carl Crimmins seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda**

Stephen Jobe moved to approve the July 23, 2015 meeting agenda as presented, Bobbi Pearson seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Commissioner's Update**

- Ken Peterson, DLI Commissioner gave an update on 2015 Workers' Compensation Legislation and Rules. This included information on Medical Severity Diagnosis-Related Groups (MS-DRG) for medical inpatient charges, direct deposits for injured workers, electronic healthcare billings, along with DLI's workers' compensation computer modernization project, and the new opioid rules that went into effect on July 13, 2015.

**Assistant Commissioner's Update**

- A link <http://www.dli.mn.gov/Summit/Presentations.asp> to the 2015 WC Summit speaker presentations was provided.
- The \$10.00 surcharge on rehab provider registration was removed on July 1, 2015.

## **Rehabilitation Related**

### 2013 Workers' Compensation System Report

Brian Zaidman, Research & Statistics presented a PowerPoint report on rehabilitation service outcomes.

### MARP – Proposed Minn R. 5220 Provisions

Steve Hollander, acting as a MARP representative, provided the Panel with a handout of proposed rule revisions along with an informational handout about QRC functions. The points Mr. Hollander covered included:

#### Points:

1. To increase the 2 hour time limit on QRC services, when job placement is being provided by someone other than the QRC to eight hours per month.
2. To eliminate the reduction of QRC fees by \$10 per hour for cases lasting longer than 39 weeks or having costs more than \$3,500, which had been put into place 20+ years ago.
3. To eliminate the automatic QRC Intern \$10 per hour fee reduction. Ms. O'Hara reported it was particularly difficult for firms once file costs reached \$3,500 in costs as fees were reduced an additional \$10.00 per hour for a total of \$20.00 less per billable hour.

Carl Crimmins asked if it would be possible to build a DRG system for injured workers so those needing more services would have the resources. Carol Norris indicated there were several variables to be considered (i.e. injured worker age, education, transferable skills, living in a rural area, transportation issues) which would be difficult to make part of a system.

Related to DRGs, but not to the MARP proposal, Dr. Jobe asked if the department expected medical providers to be using ICD 10 diagnostic codes under new e-billing legislation which the Feds require to happen on or after 10/01/2015. The answer to this was "yes."

## **Other Business**

Four panel members requested the October meeting date be changed due to a conflict with a conference they needed to attend. Following that, an alternative date of Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> was chosen.

### Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Update on the Patient Advocate program.
- Additional Research & Statistics regarding 1) characteristics of injuries requiring high VR costs, 2) choices for how to update the \$3,500 level for reducing the hourly fee by

\$10 (There is no national or multi-state data available to compare with Minnesota's VR return-to-work rate).

- MARP will present labor market survey information regarding the incidence of Interns at QRC firms and rehabilitation files not receiving payment after an administrative conference is scheduled, which conflicts with MS § 176.102.

Please contact Chair Duane Butorac and Business Liaison Mike Hill with agenda items for the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Duane Butorac moved to adjourn the meeting, Carl Crimmins seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Next Tentative Meeting Dates:**      **October 26, 2015 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM,**  
Jan. 7, 2016; April 7, 2016