

WORKERS' COMPENSATION
MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 19, 2018
9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

MAC Committee Members Present: Ronald Bowman, MD; Timothy Craven MD (MCO Representative); Constantine Gean, MD (Insurer Representative), Brad Lorber, MD, Julio Ordonez, MD; Susan Strom, DC,; Ryan Weeks (Employer Representative)

DCBS Staff Present: Cara Filsinger, Juerg Kunz

MAC Committee Members Absent: Gary Rischitelli, MD, Tom Williams, PT, Lon Holston (Worker Representative)

Agenda Item	Discussion
Welcome, Introductions (0:00:00)*	Dr. Bowman called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
Administrative discussion (0:00:26)*	Review and approve minutes for April 20, 2018 MAC Meeting Dr. Lorber moved to approve the minutes and Dr. Strom seconded. The minutes were approved as drafted.
Administrative discussions (0:00:43)*	Meeting schedule for 2018 and 2019. Cara Filsinger reviewed the 2019 meeting schedule and announced the December 21, 2018 meeting will be canceled. Upcoming rulemaking discussions. Juerg Kunz provided an update on upcoming administrative rulemaking discussions on November 19. One topic will be a general discussion on telemedicine. Committee and audience discussion included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- How telemedicine is covered under current rules- CPT codes for telemedicine- Fee schedule in other states- Best uses for a telemedicine visits. For example, may work for follow up/check in visits but not so well if there is a physical exam required- Examples of telemedicine use by Liberty Mutual, Kaiser, and others- Types of technologies used for telemedicine (phone, video conference, etc.) and availability to workers
(00:19:24)	Fee schedule discussions. Juerg Kunz discussed new data available from the All Payers/All Claims (APAC) data base. The discussion at the November 19 advisory committee meeting will include whether to consider this information when determining our fee schedule. Committee discussion included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Concerns about who is providing APAC data and whether provider contracts (discounts) are included

- Current process using CMS information and conversion factors
- Only medical service provider fee schedule are included in the data (not hospitals, etc.)

Technology Review: Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP) Subcommittee
(0:35:19)*

Dr. Lorber presented the subcommittee literature review and the [subcommittee's recommendation](#) that platelet rich plasma continue to be not compensable. There are not consistent studies that compare the same application (dosage, usage, etc.) and there were no consensus opinions for any particular use.

Dr. Bowman commented that there is good data for some applications, such as some types of arthritis which are not compensable in workers' compensation.

Committee discussion included:

- Whether insurers can voluntarily pay for PRP
- That insurers do not have to pay for any resulting side effects of an excluded treatment
- Impact on worker if they choose to get a non compensable treatment
- Variability of protocols used in the studies
- How PRP is covered by MCOs and insurers
- Guidelines from ODG and ACOM

Dr. Craven moved and Ryan Weeks seconded the recommendation that PRP continue to be not compensable. The committee expects several studies being released in the near future will review the recommendation again in two years.

The committee recommendation will be forwarded to the administrator and if approved posted on the MAC web page. Public testimony on the recommendation will be at the next MAC meeting (February 15, 2019).

(0:52:14)

Dr. Bowman adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m..

The next MAC meeting will be held on February 15, 2019

*The audio files for the meeting minutes and public testimony (both written and audio) can be found here: <http://wcd.oregon.gov/medical/mac/Pages/mac-meetings.aspx>