

ALASKA WORKERS' COMPENSATION
MEDICAL SERVICES REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

May 20, 2020

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

AGENDA

May 20, 2020

10:00 am Call to order

- Roll call - establishment of quorum
- Approval of Agenda
- Reading of minutes from August 23, 2019 meeting

10:15 am Public Comment Period

11:15 am Break

11:30 am Overview/Discussion of 2021 MSRC Fee Schedule Issues

- COVID-19 Potential Impacts
- Lawsuit RE: 2020 fee schedule reimbursement limitations for off-label treatment

1:00 pm Lunch Break

2:00 pm 2021 Fee Schedule Issues Development

- Narrative updates to account for CMS adjustments.
 - CMS changes to E&M category
 - Cosmetic narrative adjustments to add clarity
 - Expand telemedicine descriptions and clarify any limitations
 - Clarify scenario in which relative weight is non-existent, but a payment rate exists in Addendum B (OPPS file) – (e.g. for CPT® 09375, pay at ASP value/multiplier)
- Review access to medical care for injured workers based on 2020 adjustments
- Review each conversion factor/multiplier category (compare to national & regional charges)
- Consolidation toward a single conversion factor?
- Inpatient Hospital conversion factors – evaluate methodology and consider conversion factor adjustments/consolidation.
- Evaluate any available data related to adjustments made in 2020:
 - Impact on utilization associated with work hardening and functional capacity exam increases;
 - Impact of hearing aids/parts limitation of mfr invoice + 30% for fitting and dispensing (HCPCS V5011& V5160) and “gap-fill” relative values;
 - Impact of scope of practice and off label use limitations.
- Recommendations for adoption of evidence-based treatment guidelines and/or evidence based drug formulary.
- Other issues

3:00 pm Break

3:15 pm 2021 Fee Schedule Guidelines Development (cont.)

5:00 pm Adjournment