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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Physician Advisory Committee will hold a special meeting at the Workers' Compensation Commission Denver Davison Building, 1915 N. Stiles, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma **En Banc Courtroom on Friday, November 17, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.**

The PAC may discuss, vote to approve, vote to disapprove, vote to table, change the sequence of any agenda item, or vote to strike or not discuss any agenda item.

AGENDA

- (1) Call to Order
- (2) Roll call and determination of quorum
- (3) Announcements and Introductions
- (4) Discussion and approval of minutes from the last meeting of 6/23/23.
- (5) Update by the Commissioners on the outcome of legislation related to workers compensation and proposed changes by the PAC.
- (6) Update by the Commissioners on new commission business (Case count last year and current year)
- (7) Discussion on the effects of the HIE system. (Dr. Young)
- (8) Discussion of the progress of the current and proposed new Medical Fee Schedule
- (9) Discussion on filling vacant positions on the PAC.
- (10) Discussion and possible action concerning qualifications for members of the PAC.
- (11) Discussion on recruitment and retention of specialists in the Oklahoma workers' compensation system.
- (12) Discussion and possible action for the selection of next year's meeting dates. Suggested dates are 4/5/24, 6/21/24, 9/13/24, and 11/15/24.

(13) New Business.

(14) Adjournment.

Appendix 1.

Cite as: 85A O.S. § 17 (OSCN 2021)

1. The Governor shall appoint three members, one of whom shall be licensed in this state as a doctor of medicine and surgery, one of whom shall be engaged in the practice of family medicine in a rural community of the state, and one of whom shall be an osteopathic physician;

2. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint three members, one of whom shall be licensed in this state as a doctor of medicine and orthopedic surgery, one of whom shall be licensed in this state either as a doctor of medicine or a doctor of osteopathy and a neurosurgeon, and one of whom shall be licensed in this state as a podiatric physician; and

3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members, one of whom shall be licensed in this state as an osteopathic physician, one of whom shall be licensed in this state either as a doctor of medicine or a doctor of osteopathy and shall be engaged in the practice of occupational medicine, and one of whom shall be licensed in this state as a chiropractic physician.

Appendix 2.

Cite as: 85A O.S. § 16 (OSCN 2022)

A. The Official Disability Guidelines - Treatment in Workers Compensation (ODG), published by the Work Loss Data Institute, is to be recognized as the primary standard of reference, at the time of treatment, in determining the frequency and extent of services presumed to be medically necessary and appropriate for compensable injuries under this act, or in resolving such matters in the event a dispute arises. The medical treatment guidelines are not requirements, nor are they mandates or standards; they provide advice by identifying the care most likely to benefit injured workers. The guidelines shall be evidence-based, scientifically valid, outcome-focused, and designed to reduce excessive or inappropriate medical care while safeguarding necessary medical care.

Appendix 3.

Cite as: 85A O.S. § 112 (OSCN 2022)

B. An administrative law judge may appoint an independent medical examiner to assist in determining any issue before the Commission. In the event surgery is recommended by a treating physician, upon request of the employer, an independent medical examiner shall be appointed to determine the reasonableness and necessity of the recommended surgery. Such independent medical examiner shall be qualified to perform the type of surgery recommended.