

Physical Medicine Management Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2014

7:00 - 8:30 am

I. Call to Order

Meeting Chairperson: Charlotte Sarles, Supervisor, Care Management, called the meeting to order at 7:00a.m.

II. Roll Call:

Completed by Chairperson Charlotte Sarles

Participants:

Western PA:

John Bonaroti, PT, ATC, Director, East Suburban Sports Medicine Center Ltd.

Ernest Sekerak, MPT, X-Cel Physical Therapy

Jennifer Kondash, Business Process Engineer, Highmark

Charlotte Sarles, Supervisor, Care Management, Highmark

Cheryl Auth, Care Manager, Highmark

Sharon Zink, Care Manager, Highmark

Central PA:

Sandra McCuen, PT, Reimbursement Specialist, PPTA

III. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The Committee reviewed and approved the 02/04/2014 Physical Medicine Management Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

IV. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Charlotte Sarles welcomed committee and informed the committee that due to unforeseen circumstance, Dr. Owens would not be able to chair today's meeting.

V. Follow-up to Action items:

- 1) The group discussed the difference between Habilitative and Rehabilitative Therapy
 - a) Habilitative: maintain and prevent erosion of current skills/level of functioning; help the patient achieve functions or skills never acquired due to congenital and developmental anomalies

- b) Rehabilitative: restore functions or skills that the patient already but lost due to illness or injury
- 2) The committee was informed Habilitative Therapy should be reported using CPT code S8990. Only those groups with a Habilitative Therapy benefit are eligible for reimbursement
 - **Follow-up action:** The provider committee members requested additional information about the billing of CPT code S8990 and the type of case(s) the code is being applied.

VI. Discussion related to PMMP:

- 1) A discussion took place about the possibility of a tiered utilization system.
- 2) The committee was informed that denial letter formatting and language will be modified to reflect the actual service(s) being denied with a tentative target date for implementation 5/15/2014
- 3) A discussion ensued about Healthways utilization management analysis and administration

VII. Provider discussion and feedback:

- 1) The committee was urged to reach out with any concerns, questions or topics for discussion prior to the next scheduled advisory committee meeting.

VIII. Topic suggestions for future meetings:

- 1) The committee requested the attendance of Healthways representation at the next committee meeting for a utilization management review discussion
- 2) The committee requesting any information on the direction the program is moving

IX. Outstanding Business

None

X. Closing comments:

Charlotte Sarles thanked everyone for their attendance and for the feedback received regarding the PMMP.

XI. Adjournment:

Charlotte Sarles adjourned the Physical Medicine Management Program Advisory Committee meeting at 7:55a.m.

**The next Physical Medicine Management Program Advisory Committee will be held on
August 18, 2014**