

# Physical Medicine Management Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2013

7:00 – 8:30 a.m.

## I. **Call to Order**

Meeting Chairperson: Melissa Horner, MD, Physician Advisor, called the meeting to order at 7:00a.m.

## II. **Roll Call:**

Completed by Chairperson Melissa Horner, MD

### **Participants:**

#### **West Virginia:**

Lori Lovern, PT, Orthopedic Center of Virginia Physical Therapy

Deborah Schmidt, DO, Robert C. Byrd Clinic

Cindy Skiles, PT, Teays Physical Therapy

Peggy Kiser-Crouch, DC, Peggy Kiser-Crouch

Joyce Landers, Director, Provider Relations Network Development, Highmark

#### **Pennsylvania:**

Melissa Horner, MD, Physician Advisor, Highmark

Michael Owens, MD, Medical Director, Highmark

Julia Falenski, Director, Medical Management & Policy Metrics Plan, Highmark

Charlotte Sarles, Manager, Care Management, Highmark

Sharon Zink, Care Manager, Highmark

## III. **Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

The Committee reviewed and approved the 11/13/2012 Physical Medicine Management Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

## IV. **Follow up to Action Items:**

1. The committee was informed meeting minutes will be placed on the Provider Resource Center after the minutes are approved by the committee

## V. Discussion related to PMMP:

1. PMMP Advisory Committee update; Michael Owens, Medical Director, Highmark, has replaced Karen Powers, Physician Advisor, Highmark on the advisory committee
2. Highmark has extended the PMMP soft implementation to 5/1/2013
3. The revised Administrative Guide was posted on the Provider Resource Center 1/9/2013

Revisions include:

- Initial therapy evaluation and re-evaluation codes were removed from list of procedures requiring authorization
    - **Follow-up Action item:** The provider committee members requested clarification with counting a care visit when a Highmark member is evaluated and treated on the same date of service
  - Retrospective review process has been updated; reviews can now be submitted through Navinet
  - Clearly defines a facility vs. professional provider
4. It is anticipated that the Functional Rating Index will be discontinued 7/1/2013

## VI. Provider discussion and feedback:

1. Discussion ensued about default CPT codes used within an authorization
2. The provider committee members discussed delays in obtaining authorizations from Healthways
  - **Follow-up Action item:** Provider committee members are to provide Highmark with specific case examples for further investigation by Highmark staff
3. A discussion took place about the benefit design and payment method for therapy services for certain West Virginia members
  - **Follow-up Action item:** Provider committee members are to provide Highmark with examples for further investigation by Provider Relations

## VII. Topic suggestions for future meetings:

1. The provider committee members requested clarification on how to complete questions 15 and 16 within the Care Authorization system

**VIII. Outstanding:**

None

**IX. Closing Comments:**

Melissa Horner, MD thanked everyone for their attendance and for the feedback received regarding the Physical Management Program

**X. Adjournment:**

Melissa Horner, MD adjourned the Physical Medicine Management Program Advisory Committee meeting at 7:40 a.m.

**The next Physical Medicine Management Program Advisory Committee will be held on  
May 14, 2013**