

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 1, 2006 1:30 p.m.
30 West Spring Street, 30th Floor
Conference Room A

Present: William Thompson, Chairman
Kevin Abrams, Commissioner
Patrick Gannon, Commissioner

Attendees: Tim Adams, Executive Director
Paul Walker, Legal Counsel
Tom Connor, Director, Hearing Services
Rick Tilton, Hearing Officer Trainer
Colin McCafferty, Administrative Assistant
Beryl Piccolantonio, Administrative Assistant
Debbie Fodey, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order. Mr. Adams called the roll.

Roll Call:	Chairman Thompson	Present
	Commissioner Abrams	Present
	Commissioner Gannon	Present

Old Business:

- (A) Approval of the April 26, 2006 Meeting Minutes: Commissioner Gannon moved to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2006 meeting. Commissioner Abrams seconded the motion.

Mr. Adams called the roll:

Roll Call Vote:	Chairman Thompson	Yes
	Commissioner Abrams	Yes
	Commissioner Gannon	Yes

New Business:

- (A) Joint Resolution No. R06-1-02 - Authorizations: The Commission members and staff discussed the proposed resolution. The draft resolution makes a minor revision to the procedure on honoring authorizations submitted by an injured worker requesting that a representative receive delivery of workers' compensation warrants. The revision provides that for final orders issued by the Bureau of Workers' Compensation or the Industrial Commission that award compensation

where no hearing is held, other than percentage of permanent partial disability compensation, the authorization must be filed with the application for compensation or after the order is issued but prior to the payment of the award. The new procedures would apply to authorizations filed on or after November 15, 2006. Chairman Thompson moved to adopt Joint Resolution No. R06-1-02. Commissioner Abrams seconded the motion.

Mr. Adams called the roll:

Roll Call Vote:	Chairman Thompson	Yes
	Commissioner Abrams	Yes
	Commissioner Gannon	Yes

- (B) Hearing Officer Manual Memo K1: The Commission members and staff discussed the proposed policy memo. The draft memo provides that ICD-9 codes would no longer be used in Commission orders. Instead, it requires Hearing Officers to provide a written description of the diagnosis or condition which is being allowed or disallowed in the claim. Commissioner Gannon moved to adopt Hearing Officer Manual Memo K1, with an effective date of November 2, 2006. Commissioner Abrams seconded the motion.

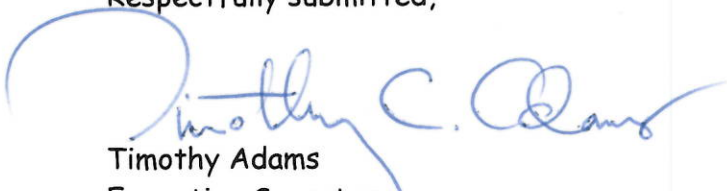
Mr. Adams called the roll:

Roll Call Vote:	Chairman Thompson	Yes
	Commissioner Abrams	Yes
	Commissioner Gannon	Yes

Commissioner Abrams moved to adjourn. Commissioner Gannon seconded the motion. Mr. Haddad called the roll:

Roll Call Vote:	Chairman Thompson	Yes
	Commissioner Abrams	Yes
	Commissioner Gannon	Yes

Respectfully submitted,


Timothy Adams
Executive Secretary