

**Official Minutes**

**Medical Fee Guide Committee Meeting**

**October 26, 2023, at 12:00 P.M.  
10 East Baltimore Street, 3rd Floor  
Baltimore, MD 21202**

**Present:**

**Committee Members:**

Dr. Charles Thorne  
Mary Capell-Schellpfeffer, MD, MPA  
Carmine G. D'Alessandro, Esq.  
Greg M. Gilbert  
Anthonia V. St. John, Esq.  
Jason Hammond, M.D.  
Robert Garza, Esq.

**MD WCC Staff:**

Comm. Allan H. Kittleman, Chair MFG Committee  
Maureen Quinn, Chairwoman  
Mary Ahearn, CEO  
Jerome Reichmister, M.D., Medical Director  
Janet Vanderpuije, MFG Secretary

**Absent:**

Edward J. Bernacki, M.D., MPH.  
Joseph M. Jagielski, Esq.  
Keith Segalman, M.D.

H. Scott Curtis, Esq., Assist. Atty. General  
Theresa Cornish, COO

**Conference Call:**

Allyson Bloom, Esq.  
Maija B. Jackson, Esq.

**Guest Call-in:**

Senator Katherine Klausmeier

**Unidentified call-ins: 5**

**Comment Presenters:**

Sandy Shtab Health Systems  
Brennan McCarthy, Esq. Rescue Meds  
Colleen Shields, CEO Rescue Meds  
Rebecca L Smith, Esq. MAJ  
James K MccAlister, Esq.  
Ben Link, PharmD 46 Bklyn Podcast  
Julian Roberts, Pres. &CEO AAPAN  
Colleen Fowler Alliancemedes

Brian Allen, C IC Pharmacy Solutions  
Julie Bilohlavek, PharmD Rescue Meds  
Yvette Cade MD Injured Worker  
James Lanier, Esq. MAJ  
Danielle Quinn, PharmD  
Danna Kaufman, Esq. MedChi  
Lance Montour, Esq., Principal  
Daryl Buhrman MD Injured Worker

**Guests:**

Nathan W McCurdy  
Counsel to the Senate Finance Committee  
Maryland General Assembly

Andre Hinchman Alliancemeds

Darren Thomas EZ Scripts  
Lin Helms NMM  
Josh White IWP  
Zachary Cook Stateside Assoc.  
Barbara Thompson F&P  
Julie Murray MDC  
Lyndsy Meninger CEIWC/IWIF

Patrick Robinson MCG Health  
Tim McLaughlin HMM  
Damian Walsh Stateside Assoc.  
Joe Yahr SBWD Law  
Angela Kozlowski F&P  
Dana Green RescueMeds

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Kittleman called the meeting to order welcomed the committee members and guests to explain the purpose of the meeting to receive comments and thoughts from the public. Chair Quinn emphasized that the comments shared should cover the three methodologies to be endorsed, AWP, usual and customary and NADAC as the committee looks for a solution for a prescription fee guide.

**Approval of Minutes:** MFG Chair Kittleman and the committee reviewed the September 21, 2023, minutes for approval. Carmine D'Alessandro moved to approve minutes; second by Dr. Jerome Reichmister.

Comments were received from attorneys and pharmaceutical companies. People commented in favor of different methodologies including AWP vs. NADAC.

AWP, average wholesale price is accessible to all stakeholders, covering all medications and is adopted in most states.

Disadvantages of AWP, there's a vast discrepancy of two identical prescriptions 2 by different manufacturers. For example, NDC 71921 10 pills 150mg \$0.59 per capsule and NDC 31722 \$5.80 per capsule.

NADAC, National Average Drug Acquisition Cost developed for Medicaid, a single payer system and does not cover some medications dispensed in workers' compensation claims.

The consensus of the comments is that most presenters favored AWP vs. NADAC.

Comments of the difficulty faced by injured workers obtaining their prescriptions were shared by Yvette Cade and retired Baltimore City police officer Daryl Buhrman.

The public comment of the MFG prescription meeting concluded at 2:26pm with MFG Chair Kittleman discussing scheduling an in-person and virtual meeting as soon as possible to accommodate members and guests from out of town.

Minutes submitted by:

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Janet Vanderpuije

Minutes approved by:

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Commissioner Allan H. Kittleman