



New York Society of Interventional Pain Physicians

MINUTES - NYSIPP ADVOCACY CONSORTIUM 2/2/2026

1. Discussed need for regular industry meetings to facilitate dialogue.
2. Biggest issue is with Fidelis who continues to deny for silly reasons; stressing providers and authorization departments. I will reach out to Dr. Marcello (medical director) to set up a meeting to discuss. All board members encouraged to keep track of denials and send to me in anticipation of this meeting.
3. Plan on a meeting with NGS for mid-year to discuss G2211 (potential audit target) and any other sources of confusion w regard to Medicare coding. There is also a proposed LCD for BVN ablation which would require behavioral evaluation prior to ablation. We are strongly opposed to such a requirement. I am composing a letter to NGS.
4. Workers' Compensation published a new fee schedule. There are now codes for BVN ablation and Genicular blocks/RFA. Unfortunately, no code for ASC facility reimbursement. Hopefully by end of first quarter this year. In the meantime, cross walk reimbursement does NOT cover the cost of equipment in ASC setting. Will try to set up a meeting with director NYS Comp for later in the year.
5. AMA CPT meeting this week. Apparently, there will be a work group to explore integrated vs. non-integrated PNS systems shortly after CPT meeting. Will take 9 months to a year for a consensus recommendation.
6. Emblem Health as a third-party administrator is implementing a balanced billing concept which pays the same for ALL E&M codes. This defeats the whole RUC process where RVUs are assigned. We are obviously opposed to this. Dr. Schnur has agreed to compose a letter on behalf of NYSIPP.
7. I will enlist industry help (Boston Scientific, Stryker) for strategies to approach Evicore in an attempt to reverse non-coverage determination for BVN ablation.
8. I proposed change in officer title. Dr. Kalia is President -Elect. Dr. Tiso would be Chairman, Advocacy Consortium. There was unanimous agreement.
9. Dr. Kalia will compose a document summarizing NYSIPP initiatives over the past few years to post on website.
10. Next meeting will be prior to Fidelis meeting. Will send a reminder.