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OMD Updates for Self-Insured Employers WSIA Liaison Committee July 2024

Advisory Committee Meetings

[Industrial Insurance Chiropractic Advisory Committee \(IICAC\)](#)

- July 18, 2024
- Location [L&I HQ Tumwater](#)
7273 Linderson Way SW,
Tumwater, WA 98501
Room S117

[Advisory Committee on Health Care Innovation & Evaluation \(ACHIEv\)](#)

- July 25, 2024
- Location [L&I Tukwila](#)
12806 Gateway Drive S
Tukwila WA 98168
Room C20

[Industrial Insurance Medical Advisory Committee \(IIMAC\)](#)

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Coverage Decisions

New/Pending Decisions or Updates

- Acupuncture for chronic migraine and chronic tension-type headache (Adoption of the HTCC determination in L&I is underway)
- Coverage decision of autologous blood/platelet-rich plasma injections is [updated](#) (03/01/2024). The HTCC reviewed the most current evidence on platelet-rich plasma for treatment of knee and hip osteoarthritis and determined that platelet-rich plasma is not a covered benefit.
- New coverage decision on [hyaluronic acid /viscosupplementation](#), effective 03/01/2024, was published on the website.
- Coverage decision of [stereotactic body radiation therapy \(SBRT\)](#) is updated (07/01/2024).
- Spinal cord stimulation (The HTCC finalized the coverage determination on 06/14/2024. Adoption of the determination in L&I is pending).



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Pharmacy

New/Pending Decisions or Updates

- The following drugs will be included on formulary effective Q4 2024: mometasone (Asmanex HFA/DPI), mometasone/formoterol (Dulera), umeclidinium/vilanterol (Anoro Ellipta), umeclidinium (Incruse Ellipta), fluticasone furoate/umeclidinium/vilanterol (Trelegy Ellipta)
- The following drugs will be removed from formulary effective Q4 2024: fluticasone propionate (HFA/DPI), salmeterol (Serevent)

Health Services Analysis

Medical Aid Rules and Fee Schedules (MARFS)

- The updated Medical Aid Rules and Fee Schedules (MARFS) goes into effect on July 1, 2024. A list of the major policy updates can be found in [Chapter 1: Introduction](#). The fee schedules are [now available](#). Questions? Please contact us at HPPM@Lni.Wa.Gov.

Other Information

WordBridge – L&I’s New Interpreter Scheduling System for Providers

- Now live!
- As of June 17, the interpreter scheduling system known as WordBridge is now fully operational, so that providers can schedule interpreters for injured-worker appointments. More information for providers can be found by [accessing our home page](#) on the public website or go to Ask L&I and search “SOSi.”

Providers should be using WordBridge as their first method of securing an interpreter. If unable to secure an interpreter through WordBridge, providers can use the interpreter services provided by CTS Language Link. Further information can be found within [payment policies](#).

Medical and vocational providers can also request on-demand, telephonic interpreter services through CTS Language Link through July 31, 2024 using the phone numbers below:

Medical Providers: 877-626-0678

VOC Counselors: 844-303-7212

Activity Coaches: 844-303-5430

Questions about the SOSi system?

- Email: Support@wordbridge.io
- Phone: 1-888-224-0126

You may also reach out to L&I’s Interpreter Services program at Interpretation@Lni.wa.gov.