

IEPC Meeting
March 22, 2021
9:00 am - 10:30 am PT
Meeting held by Zoom Video Conference



Minutes

All people present at this meeting must have a signed IEPC Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA). All content and discussions in this meeting are held to confidentiality in NDA.

Present:

Attendees:

Roneet Lev, John Wallace, John Ellison, Sameer Mistry, Kavitha Weaver, Knaf Lizaso, Reb Close, Robert Chavez, Don Shook, Andrew Fenton, Brian

Admin: Julie Hewett

AGENDA:

1. Introductions
2. Minutes of 2/23/21 approved with edits
3. Financial Report
 - a. Update on 501(c)6 status – Still waiting on IRS
 - b. Bank Update - \$59,000+ current in the bank. Three groups have chosen the annual membership renewal. Fifteen of 26 groups have made dues payments through February 2021 for the current year.
4. Business Strategy and Governance
 - a. IEPC member benefits – Meeting with Todd Dean, Insurance Broker. He is working on a group insurance plan for memberships could purchase. (Life, dental, worker's comp, long term disability, and maybe D&O) Also offering a 15% discount to anyone purchasing malpractice insurance for EMPAC through IEPC. Should have something to share by the end of week. Most on the call were interested in viewing the options available when the packages become known.
 - b. EDBA Chat update – Brief review on recent discussion topics.
 - c. MIPS/CEDR update – No Update
5. Advocacy and Legislation Review
 - a. Federal Surprise billing legislation – Review of CAL ACEP positions via Government Affairs Committee on California Legislature bills. 54 bills, 3 oppose, 11 support, rest watch. AB 118 is social work in lieu of police. AB1011 is Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT).

Update of current legislation under review for potential action. One specific area as the policy to send social workers instead of police officers during certain types of 911 calls. There are several legislative bills that may have an impact on billing, especially AB1011. IEPC may want to make a formal statement on the topic. Question raised regarding the issue of surprise billing. Context of member group with low in network arrangement with Anthem BC and strategy whether to terminate and balance bill. AB 1130 is a rate setting bill and a permutation of AB 3087 from 2018 which was

withdrawn. The latter bill created an advisory board which set rates for ER services for Providers.

- b. CMS final rule on Medicare reimbursement for 2021 – No Update
 - c. California legislation proposal for obligate HP downcoding – No Update
 - d. Blue Cross Legislative Action – Currently feeling is that no further action is necessary at this time to move this forward. Need to wait to see what happens with the rollout of the new legislation in January 2022.
6. Executive Director Report – No further updates. Still working on insurance package.
7. Roundtable – Members are seeing forgiveness of round one of the PPP. Others are taking advantage of round two if they were eligible. Concerns raised over the increase of new urgent care centers opening that are being staffed by nurse practitioners. Conversation regarding the resistance of nurses to obtain the vaccine. Up to 25% are refusing.

IEPC Member Andy Selesnick is a great resource for requestions regarding balanced billing – aselesnick@buchalter.com Brief discussion regarding billing & errors omission insurance. Several members reporting that they are closing down the Covid sections to open flow. Disposition of incoming transfers, and reverse triage from inpatient back to ED.

Roneet asked all to keep newsletter ideas in mind for future issues. A future guest at the meeting will be Todd Dean regarding the 15% discount on malpractice insurance for EMPAC, but what other guests would the members like to have on the monthly call?

Next Meeting

Conference Call Monday, April 26th – 9 AM PST