



**Physician Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, September 17, 2008
G. Fred DiBona Building, 1901 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA**

Attendees: I. Steven Udvarhelyi, M.D., Patrick J. Brennan, M.D., Janis G. Chester, M.D., Anthony V. Coletta, M.D., Anthony J. DiMarino Jr., M.D., M. Arif Hashmi, M.D., John J. Kelly, M.D., Sanand R. Menon, M.D., Scott R. Schaffer, M.D., C. Richard Schott, M.D., and Dennis H. Tafflin, D.O.

Excused: Charles Cutler, M.D.

IBC supporting associates present: Leon G. DeMasi, M.D., Sherry Feldman, Tressa Harley, Dale M. Mandel, M.D.

I. Goals and Objectives

Dr. Udvarhelyi, Senior Vice-President and Chief Medical Officer, opened the inaugural meeting with a brief account of the charge for the Physician Advisory Committee. He emphasized the committee's opportunity to represent the interests of the physician community and contribute to AmeriHealth's ongoing commitment to physician satisfaction, quality of care, communication, and service.

Dr. Mandel, Medical Director in the Provider Network Services division, followed with a presentation which outlined the structure of the committee. He also reviewed the online form (Physician Contact Form) found at https://ecom.amerhealth.com/ah/htdocs/providers/physician_advisory_committee/contact_form.html which allows participating and non-participating physicians to submit topics for discussion by the committee.

II. Recommendations

The following two topics were identified for future discussion:

- Reviewing the requirement to report practitioners deselected from the panel to the National Practitioner Databank (NPDB).
- Discussing *Never Events* which includes review of the policy of Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and associated community policy development(s).

III. Action Items/Adjournment

Beginning with December updates, Dr. Udvarhelyi offered to distribute drafts of new and updated medical/claim payment policies for review by the committee.

The committee expressed interest in meeting more than twice a year. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2009.