



## BENEFITS COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 5, 2006

A meeting of the Benefits Committee was held on Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at 3:00 p.m., in SU-18.

**A. Call to Order**

John Tortarolo called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Yvonne Anderson, Dr. Roy Archer, Elaine Armstrong, Ruth Barnaba, Jim Bowen, Theo Brockett, Dr. Bonnie Dowd, Dave Forsyth, John Goldsworthy, Sherry Gordon, Lee Hoffmann, Nancy Horio, Cheryl McCarron, Shirley Morgan, Jean Ruff, Dr. Omar Scheidt, John Tortarolo

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Victoria de la Torre (JPA), Lucy Nelson

**Members Absent:** Jo Anne Giese, Dr. Rocco Versaci

**Ex-Officio Members Absent:** Brian Vivian (JPA)

**C. Minutes**

Minutes from the March 1, 2006 meeting were approved.

**D. New Business**

Victoria handed out the "Rolling 12's" and answered questions. Some of the anticipated high dollar claims have not come in yet, but are expected to in March.

**E. Comments/Discussion**

Dave Forsyth presented a medical claim and provided some supporting documentation regarding Osteopathic Manipulation Therapy (OMT). He questioned the charges being categorized as physical therapy and an office visit being denied. Victoria will research this issue.

In conjunction with this issue, the question was raised about procedure and billing coding software that is licensed to the JPA for use in claims processing, and whether it was updated periodically. Victoria indicated that it was.

Sherry Gordon presented a list of eight questions for consideration by the Committee. After much discussion, John pointed out that most of these raise issues which must be negotiated with the PFF and CCE. He suggested that a survey be developed in such a way that the general constituency will be able to indicate preferences.

**F. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 3, 2006 (SU-18)**