

WPS Government Health Administrators Combined J5-J8 Contractor Advisory Committee Meeting Transcript

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Dr. Brad Stauffer: Are we getting close?

Dr. Robert Kettler: Yeah, Brad, we can go ahead and start.

Dr. Stauffer: Okay. Perfect. All right. We will go ahead and call the meeting to order. My name is Brad Stauffer, I want to welcome – We've actually got a joint meeting tonight – so I want to welcome J5 also want to welcome all our compatriots from the J8 CAC, who are joining us tonight as well. So, thank you for being here. With that we will go ahead and get right into our draft local coverage determinations. I will hand it over to Dr. Kettler to handle intraarticular knee injections of Hyaluronan.

Dr. Kettler: Thank you, Brad. And just by way of introduction, this is the public portion of the meeting. We do take comment on the draft LCDs publicly. I would ask that after I introduced the LCD, if anybody wants to make a comment, that you introduce yourself, state your affiliation and also briefly state whether or not you have any type of conflict of interest. It would be helpful if, in addition to providing the verbal comment, that you would submit any comment that you have in writing to policycomments@wpsic.com. That would – we will have the comments in writing in case there is any problem with the audio portion.

And with that, I will go ahead. We have one draft LCD up for comment tonight. It is number DL39529; It's entitled Intraarticular Knee Injections of Hyaluronan, and this draft LCD establishes coverage criteria for the injection of hyaluronic acid into the knee. The WPS personnel responsible for this LCD: our policy coordinator Michelle McCary and myself, Robert Kettler, MD. In addition to any comment we take tonight, this LCD is open to receive public comment until March 11.

And, so with that, I would just ask if there are any comments from the CAC?

Hearing none, then I will assume that there are no comments on this draft LCD and Rich, you can go ahead and release the public so that they can go about their business for the evening. Brad, I'm going to turn things back to you, and we can conduct our business meeting here in a few seconds.

Dr. Stauffer: Okay, yeah, I'll give just a few seconds here to allow the Public to get off the call.