

MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION

SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

LYMPHEDEMA WORKGROUP MEETING

AGENDA

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Conference Call Number 866-247-6034

Participation Code 1573490062

1. Introduction of Maryland Insurance Administration Staff
2. Workgroup objectives and schedule
 - Identify any gaps in insurance coverage in the marketplace
 - Identify any gaps in provider and consumer knowledge about lymphedema coverage
 - Determine any actions necessary to ensure that lymphedema patients receive coverage for medically necessary treatment and supplies.
 - Survey of carriers providing insurance coverage
3. Definition of lymphedema currently utilized in industry
4. Questions of MIA Workgroup for consideration and discussion
 - a. What is currently covered in fully insured plans versus self-insured plans?
 - b. Is there a gap in provider knowledge about lymphedema?
 - a. If so, does this result in failures to provide education about lymphedema to insureds?
 - b. Does this result in failures to provide timely treatment in the earlier stages of lymphedema?
 - c. Does this mean coverage is not provided early enough in the disease process?
 - c. Is the number of carrier-allowed provider visits/treatments sufficient?
 - d. How are “Gradient Compression Garments” categorized by carriers?
 - a. As “Durable Medical Equipment”?
 - b. How often are supplies covered?

e. Are compression garments for use on the Head, Trunk, abdomen, etc. considered experimental or investigational? If so, why?

5. Statements and Information from interested stakeholders

6. Wrap-Up