MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF ARIZONA

Held at 800 West Washington Street Phoenix, Arizona 85007 Thursday, March 7, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

Present: Dennis P. Kavanaugh

Chairman

Joseph M. Hennelly, Jr.

Vice Chair

D. Alan Everett Maria Cecilia Valdez Commissioner Commissioner

Orion J. Godfrey

Commissioner

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Executive Deputy Director (Telephonic)

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MRO Assistant (Telephonic)

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Claims

Phil Murphy

ADOSH Interim Director

Anna Maria Stonerock

ADOSH Admin

Kara Dimas

Commission Secretary

Chairman Kavanaugh convened the meeting at 1:03 p.m. Chairman Kavanaugh welcomed Commission Godfrey. In attendance, confirmed by roll call were Anne Ryman (ABC15); Stephanie Hefner (Snell and Wilmer); Jeff Horned (City of Buckeye); Dorothy Schulte (Perfecta Reporting); Grace Korin Johnson (Concentra); Angelica Torrazas (Injured Workers Pharmacy "IWP"). Also in attendance on the telephone, confirmed by roll call were Phillip Condiff (City of Avondale); Monica Welch, Robert Duffy, Brooke Pike and Doug Allan (City of Yuma); Debbie Baker and Theresa Cons (Valley Schools Workers' Compensation).

Public Hearing regarding the 2024-2025 Arizona Physicians' and Pharmaceutical Fee Schedule established under A.R.S. § 23-908(B).

Chairman Kavanaugh welcomed interested parties to the public hearing which gives stakeholders another opportunity to comment on staff proposals regarding the 2024/2025 Arizona Physicians' and Pharmaceutical Fee Schedule and the recommendations for changes to the Fee Schedule. He noted the staff proposal has been posted on the Commission's website for the last month.

Mr. Carpenter presented on behalf of the Medical Resource Office and thanked the stakeholders that provided input for the Fee Schedule this year and those that attended the stakeholder meeting. He noted the new effective date will be May 1, 2024 and the reason for the change is to allow healthcare providers and payors working within the Arizona workers' compensation system the opportunity to implement changes from both the AMA and CMS Guidelines earlier in the year without the nine month lag time. Staff intends to annually maintain the effective date on May 1 as long as circumstances permit. He reviewed the fourteen items in the staff proposal.

Chairman Kavanaugh thanked Mr. Carpenter.

Chairman Kavanaugh asked if there were any comments as he did not have any request to speak. Hearing none.

Chairman Kavanaugh noted this will conclude the public hearing and reminded everyone that the record will remain open for written comments until the close of business on March 14, 2024. Comments received by the Commission will be placed on the Commission's website, along with the transcript from today.

A written transcript of the Public Hearing is attached hereto.

Chairman Kavanaugh thanked staff for all their detailed work.

Approval of Minutes of February 22, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, February 29, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes and February 29, 2024 Executives Session Minutes.

Commissioner Everett moved to approve the Minutes of the February 22, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, February 29, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes and February 29, 2024 Executive Session Minutes and Commissioner Valdez seconded the motion. Chairman Kavanaugh, Vice Chair Hennelly, Commissioner Everett, Commissioner Valdez and Commissioner Godfrey voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Consent Agenda:

All items following under this agenda item are consent matters and will be considered by a single motion with no discussion unless a Commissioner asks to remove an item on the consent agenda to be discussed and voted on separately. The Commission may move into Executive Session under A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) to discuss records exempt by law from public inspection. Legal action involving a final vote or decision shall not be taken in Executive Session. If such action is required, then it will be taken in General Session.

- a. Approval of Requests for Renewal of Self-Insurance Authority.
 - 1. City of Avondale
 - 2. City of Yuma
 - 3. Valley Schools Workers' Compensation Group
- b. Approval of Arizona Division of Occupational Safety and Health Proposed Citations and Penalties Less Than \$15,000.
 - 1. PP-2024-TN976-0012 City of Buckeye Fire Station #703
 - 2. PP-2024-EG419-0017 City of Buckeye Police Department Crime Scene Unit
 - 3. PP-2024-EG419-0018 City of Buckeye Police Department Property and Evidence Unit
 - 4. PP-2024-EG419-0016 City of Buckeye Public Works Facilities
 - 5. PP-2024-VM508-0015 City of Buckeye Sundance Water Reclamation Facility
 - 6. CP-2023-JR339-0023 Stravitz Glass, Inc.

Commissioner Godfrey requested Item b.1. be removed for further discussion. Vice Chair Hennelly requested all of the City of Buckeye Items b.1. to b.5. also be removed for further discussion.

Commissioner Everett moved to approve the Self-Insurance Renewal items on the Consent Agenda and Vice Chair Hennelly seconded the motion. Chairman Kavanaugh, Vice Chair Hennelly, Commissioner Everett, Commissioner Valdez and Commissioner Godfrey voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Vice Chair Hennelly moved to approve item b.6. on the Consent Agenda and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Chairman Kavanaugh, Vice Chair Hennelly, Commissioner Everett, Commissioner Valdez and Commissioner Godfrey voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Discussion and Action of Request for Lump Sum Commutation. The Commission may move into Executive Session under A.R.S. §§ 38-431.03(A)(2) and (A)(3) to discuss or consider records exempt by law from public inspection or to consult with its attorneys for legal advice.

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Ms. Perez reviewed the report for Ms. Adam's lump sum commutation petition and staff's recommendation for approval and noted the carrier has agreed.

Chairman Kavanaugh confirmed with Ms. Perez that the lease where Ms. Perez resides is not a friend or relative.

Commissioner Godfrey moved to approve the proposed lump sum commutation and Vice Chair Hennelly seconded the motion. Chairman Kavanaugh, Vice Chair Hennelly, Commissioner Everett, Commissioner Valdez and Commissioner Godfrey voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Kavanaugh discussed the purpose of and process for the Commission's consideration of ADOSH citations and proposed penalties.

Approval of Arizona Division of Occupational Safety and Health Proposed Citations and Penalties Less Than \$15,000.

1. PP-2024-TN976-0012 City of Buckeye – Fire Station #703

Commissioner Godfrey noted the item states "One employee was exposed to a fall hazard while conducting routine truck inspections while standing on top of a 10.5' fire truck when inside a bay without fall protection." This was a routine inspection, under exigent circumstances, a fire scene or emergency scene, obviously fall protection is not a factor. He would assume other municipalities and fire districts when it comes to emergency operations, what policy and practices would be in place to prevent this, there is not a one size fits all fall arrester for the top of a fire truck.

Mr. Murphy noted with OSHA there is a rolling stock exemption, and the only time it does not come into play, the exemption for rolling stock such as at a scene, but if you are in a bay or have the ability to have fall protection, typically cities or districts install fall protection systems overhead

and when working on the equipment will tie into the anchor points above or self-retracting life line or something like that above the necessary area. The ability to have fall protection inside a bay would be required when working above those heights. Out on the road or lot, where there is no ability to tie off, you would not be required to have fall protection.

Chairman Kavanaugh confirmed that working inside the bay it is part of the structure under which the vehicle is parked they would have the ability to hook onto something.

Mr. Murphy agreed, inside of a bay or structure you would be required to have fall protection on rolling stock.

Commissioner Godfrey asked if the City of Buckeye had these installed in their apparatus bays.

Mr. Horned confirmed they do not.

Commissioner Godfrey asked if any Buckeye firefighter has ever been trained in this matter or instructed to tie off in this way, even senior staff, has this ever been the practice or acknowledged best practice.

Mr. Horned noted there is nothing to tie off to right now. They do not have the tie off systems that would be anchored to the structure of the building, which would be above any kind of unit that is parked in the bay. Obviously their firefighters are trained in fall hazards and have fall arrest system when they are out on the job, but not within the bay specifically while they are doing basic service to the fire trucks. The truck that was in the bay at the time was a pumper truck, where the hose systems rest on top of it, that platform is accessible by a ladder on the back of the truck, on occasion employees must get up there to rearrange hoses or remove debris and general maintenance.

Commissioner Godfrey discussed the penalty and if they accrue until this was resolved and these matters were addressed or just parked out back and did all of their truck checks on the back apron.

Mr. Murphy noted he has inspected other cities where their fall protection is in place when they are working on the fire trucks, because they have to come in for maintenance and they have fall protection systems installed on those as well. Any time they get a citation they have to abate the condition and would have to install some kind of fall protection system in the bay in order to utilize and train the employees how to use it.

Commissioner Godfrey noted he has never seen a fleet mechanic or firefighter with a fall arrest system on and we want all of our workers to be safe and in compliance with safety precautions, however, if this is something nobody knew existed, a fine of this size seems interesting.

Mr. Murphy explained penalties are based on severity and probability and size of the employer, the city of Buckeye is a larger employer so that reductions do not apply, however one of the goals for public sector inspections is to try to present them all at one time, so when the representative wants to do an informal conference, it can be done at one time and come to a group settlement.

Mr. Murphy noted he just spoke at the Arizona Governmental Safety Professionals Meeting today and that would be a great opportunity to bring these topics up and will reach out to them and ask if this topic has been covered, typically after municipal inspections they have their section talk about issues and how to correct or abate issues.

Commissioner Everett asked if there was a guess of how many fire stations around the state would have fall protest.

Mr. Murphy noted that when they do public sector inspections, they do not hit every fire station and would just pick on fire station and do a program planned inspection on that one and do not go to every facility that the municipality owns and try to hit the high hazard areas where it would have an impact.

Commissioner Everett asked if it was part of the design of a fire station when they are building one or remodeling is fall protection included.

Commissioner Valdez asked how long this fire house has been in existence.

Mr. Horned noted this was actually one of their newer fire stations and built within the last ten years.

Commissioner Godfrey commented for the record, that he worries about something like this forcing the employee into a decision that is beyond their control. A Buckeye firefighter has little to no ability to get a fall arresting device. He has been in the fire service for a number of years and never heard of a fall arrest or device for working on top of an apparatus and his concern is that placing a rule that an employee has to follow that the employer puts into place and puts the employee at risk. He thanked them for answering his questions.

The Commissioners discussed the other items from the consent agenda.

- 2. PP-2024-EG419-0017 City of Buckeye Police Department Crime Scene Unit
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Vice Chair Hennelly noted he was puzzled by the presentation of six separate Buckeye matter presented as if they are separate six separate entities and yet in the one that is not on consent agenda, references that the city of Buckeye has 700 employees although this facility apparently only has three. He was wondering if the Commission is doing the entire city of Buckeye then the 700 employees would impact the ability to lower to have the small employer reduction apply. But if they are treating them as separate entities, which it appears given there are six different presentations, it takes away that small employer possibility, it also could impact grouping and he noticed they are grouped, and he appreciates that and thinks it is appropriate, he was wondering if further grouping it as one presentation rather than six different ones. He questioned if this is typical, as he did not recall seeing it this way, maybe it is because the new consent agenda policy.

Mr. Murphy noted that municipality is treated like any other type of inspection of a company, where if you are inspecting multiple sites or even a construction project with different addresses, they are separate inspections. For the municipalities and inspect the police station, fire station and

public works, while they are all under the city of Buckeye, they are all individual inspections and it goes off of the total number of employees for that employer, similar to construction or general industry, the total number of employees for that company applies to all of the different sites instead of the individual sites, so each site may have a handful of employees but overall controlled by the employer is the total number for the city, then the reductions are based on the city for size because they have a full time safety person that can help impact the different areas which leads to the purpose of the reductions for the small employers as well.

Vice Chair Hennelly asked if it takes away grouping opportunities, it applies to the individual location. He also asked if there was any information about abatement with respect to any or all of the citations.

Mr. Murphy noted there was no abatement on these, but there was two citations issued as non-serious that were received earlier and those have been abated.

Vice Chair Hennelly noted they will have an opportunity for abatement if they decide to pursue it through the informal process.

Mr. Murphy noted he has already spoken with Mr. Horned regarding if there is an informal conference we could combine them into one informal conference.

Chairman Kavanaugh confirmed all of the cases because the last one is segregated because of the amount is over \$15,000.00 which is why it was not on consent. In the event the Commission approves these various citations and they request a hearing, then they could be consolidated for purposes of an informal conference.

Chairman Kavanaugh asked if the Commissions had any questions on the other citations b.1. through b.5.

Vice Chair Hennelly moved to approve the citations b.1. through b.5. and proposed penalties as presented and Commissioner Everett seconded the motion. Chairman Kavanaugh, Vice Chair Hennelly, Commissioner Everett, Commissioner Valdez and Commissioner Godfrey voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Discussion and Action of Arizona Division of Occupational Safety and Health Proposed Citations and Penalties.

City of Buckeye - Jackie A. Sullivan Meck Water Treatment Facility 530 Monroe Ave

Buckeye, AZ 85326

Site Location:

Buckeye, AZ 85326 PP-2024-TN976-0015

23945 W Broadway Rd

Inspection No: Inspection Date:

October 4, 2023

spection Date: October 4, 20

<u>SERIOUS</u> – Citation 1 - Item 1a –

Program Planned

Years in Business:

Empl. Covered by Inspection: 3

a) 23945 W Broadway Rd, Buckeye: Two employees were required to wear a tight-fitting half mask respirator to clean up chemical spills, such as Sulfuric Acid without having received a medical evaluation. 29 CFR 1910.134(c)(1)(ii)

Div. Proposal - \$8,929.00

Formula Amt. - \$8,929.00

SERIOUS - Citation 1 - Item 1b -

a) 23945 W Broadway Rd, Buckeye: Two employees were required to wear a tight-fitting half mask respirator to clean up chemical spills, such as Sulfuric Acid without having received a fit test. 29 CFR 1910.134(c)(1)(iii)

Div. Proposal - \$0.00

Formula Amt. - \$8,929.00

SERIOUS – Citation 1 - Item 2 –

a) 23945 W Broadway Rd, Buckeye, AZ 85326: Two employees were required to wear a tightfitting half mask respirator to clean up chemical spills, such as Sulfuric Acid without having received respiratory protection training. 29 CFR 1910.134(k)

Div. Proposal - \$8,92900

Formula Amt. - \$8,929.00

TOTAL PENALTY -\$17,858.00 TOTAL FORMULA AMT. - \$26,787.00

Mr. Murphy discussed ADOSH's inspection, summarized the citation and proposed penalty.

Chairman Kavanaugh noted he did not have a request to speak on this matter.

Commissioner Godfrey moved to approve the citation and proposed penalties as presented and Commissioner Valdez seconded the motion. Chairman Kavanaugh, Vice Chair Hennelly, Commissioner Everett, Commissioner Valdez and Commissioner Godfrey voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Announcements, Scheduling of Future Meetings and Retirement Resolutions.

Mr. Testini had no announcements.

Ms. Dimas announced the retirement of Raymond Zimmerman, the Chairman of the Special Fund Investment Committee after 32 years. Ms. Dimas also announced the retirement of Sylvia Sinohui, the Administrative Services Office in the ADOSH Division after 35 years.

Chairman Kavanaugh commented that Mr. Zimmerman was probably the longest continuous serving board member for an Arizona Agency at this time. Since the early 1990's he has been on the Investment Committee Chair and this last year it has been a pleasure working with him and on behalf of those who have served on the Investment Committee and the Commissioners thanked Mr. Zimmerman for his service to the Commission.

Ms. Dimas confirmed Commission meeting dates through April 2024.

Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF ARIZONA

By Gaetano J. Testini, Executive Deputy Director

ATTEST:

Kara Dimas, Commission Secretary

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2	ANNUAL PHYSICIAN	S' AND PHARMACEUTICAL FEE SCHEDULE was			
3	reported by Dorothy A. Schulte, CCR, RPR, Arizona				
4	Certified Court Reporter No. 50459, in and for the				
5	State of Arizona.				
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14	COMMISSIONERS:	Chairman Dennis P. Kavanaugh Vice Chairman Joseph M. Hennelly, Jr.			
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Phoenix, Arizona 1 March 7, 2024 1:00 p.m. 2 3 PROCEEDINGS 4 5 6 This public hearing is THE CHAIRMAN: 7 being held to give members of the public and Commission 8 stakeholders an opportunity to comment on staff 9 proposals regarding the 2024/2025 Arizona Physicians' 10 and Pharmaceutical Fee Schedule and to make additional 11 recommendations for changes to the Fee Schedule. 12 The staff proposal has been posted on the 13 Commission's website for the last month. 1 4 So Charles Carpenter, on behalf of the 15 Medical Resource Office, will provide a brief overview 16 of the staff proposal that the Commissioners have 17 received. 18 Mr. Carpenter. 19 Thank you, Chairman. MR. CARPENTER: 20 Thank you all. 21 And good afternoon, Chairman, Commissioners, 22 Executive Deputy Director Testini, colleagues and 23 I want to thank all of you for the opportunity

to present the staff proposal for the 2024/2025

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Physicians' and Pharmaceutical Fee Schedule.

I would like to begin by thanking all the stakeholders who have provided input that was used to improve and update the Fee Schedule this year. I wish to recognize and thank those who attended our stakeholder meeting two weeks ago and also those who attended the stakeholder meetings that we held in previous years.

The majority or almost all of the updates in our Fee Schedule this year were initiated by our stakeholders. And so, again, we thank everyone for participating and being part of that update.

This year the 2024/2025 Fee Schedule update is going to be effective on May 1st of this year. Previous updates used October 1st as the effective date. The change in effective dates allows healthcare providers and payers working within the Arizona Workers' Compensation System the opportunity to implement changes from both the AMA and CMS Guidelines earlier in the year and potentially avoid some of the pitfalls they experienced with a nine-month lag after those implements -- or after those changes were implemented, so staff intends to annually maintain the effective date in May -- on May 1st as long as circumstances permit.

So, first, staff proposes to include the updated service codes, relative value units and reimbursement values as presented in the tables accompanying the published proposal.

The methodology used in calculating the reimbursement values is outlined in detail in the proposal. The proposed 2024/2025 Fee Schedule will continue to use the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services or CMS, their surgical global periods, assign RVUs to consultation services and delineate codes that are unique to Arizona.

Staff proposes to maintain the RBRVS conversion factors used in the 2024/2025 Fee Schedule for all service categories.

Second, staff proposes to adopt the service codes and reimbursement values as presented in the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System or HCPCS -- they also refer that as HCPCS -- table accompanying the proposed -- or the published proposal.

The reimbursement values are based on the reimbursement values published by CMS in the January 2024 Medicare Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies Fee Schedule, also called the DMEPOS.

Staff proposes to maintain separate values

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for rural and nonrural areas and utilize the methodology established by CMS to designate rural and nonrural areas in Arizona.

HCPCS codes that do not have a value assigned by CMS were assigned a reimbursement value based on data from FAIR Health. The values were then multiplied by a conversion factor of 1.4, resulting in the reimbursement values listed in the table.

Third, staff proposes to adopt the Arizona Specific Codes and the assigned reimbursement values in the accompanying tables.

Fourth, staff proposes to continue the designation of Medi-Span as the source to determine Average Wholesale Price.

Fifth, staff proposes to adopt the deletions and additions to the 2024 edition of the American Medical Association's Current Procedural Terminology publication, also known as the CPT.

Sixth, staff proposes revisions in each section of the Fee Schedule Guidelines by removing references to codes that are preceded with the delta symbol. These references are no longer used due to the adoption of the standardized language in the previously mentioned resources.

Seventh, staff proposes to amend the

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Introduction Section of the Fee Schedule by removing the reference to the American Medical Association,

Evaluations and Management Code and Guideline Changes.

This document is no longer being published.

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Staff also proposes to add Subsection A(2) to provide clarification on the manner healthcare providers should bill for services, equipment, and supplies along with an exception when billing for drug testing.

Staff proposes to add language in Subsection A(14) that details the billing codes and reimbursement guidelines for telehealth services.

Staff proposes to add Subsection B(5) to clarify appropriate practices when submitting and reviewing medical invoices for services and establishing documentation and procedural expectations for denials and appeals.

Staff proposes to remove Subsection E(1) since Arizona statutes indicate who is permitted to treat injured workers. Staff also proposes to remove Subsection J since the designation it describes is no longer in use.

Eighth, staff proposes to add a note at the end of the Anesthesia Guidelines that clarifies billing procedures for -- or billing -- how to bill for

specific procedures.

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Ninth, staff proposes to update modifier "47" in the Surgery Guidelines to clarify that the reimbursement values listed in the Fee Schedule should be used.

Staff also proposes to add language to modifier "59" that clarifies how providers should bill for services that are reported on the same date of service as an anesthesia code.

Tenth, staff proposes to amend the language in Section C of the Radiology Guidelines to clarify the meaning and use of the technical and professional components when they are billed separately.

Eleventh, staff proposes to update the Evaluation and Management Guidelines to correspond with the updates to the Evaluation and Management Guidelines in the 2024 CPT publication.

Twelfth, staff proposes to amend unnecessary language in Subsection A(3), referring to Section J of the Introduction.

Staff also proposes to add a note to Section B that clarifies the appropriate use as well as non-use of modifiers when billing for services or supplies using a HCPCS code.

Thirteenth, staff proposes to add two new

sections to the Home Healthcare Guidelines that clarify 1 billing and reimbursement practices. 2 And, finally, staff proposes to amend the 3 title of the Special Services Guideline section to 4 Arizona Specific Codes Guidelines. 5 The Medical Resource Office appreciates your 6 time considering this proposal, and I am happy to take 7 any questions from the Commission. 8 THE CHAIRMAN: Any questions for 9 Mr. Carpenter from the Commissioners? 10 (No audible response.) 11 Thank you. THE CHAIRMAN: 12 MR. CARPENTER: Thank you, Chair. 13 THE CHAIRMAN: All right. And we now 1 4 welcome those present or online to present your 15 comments and recommendations regarding the 2024/202516 17 Fee Schedule. We'll start with a list of people that have 18 already requested to speak, per the instructions you 19 received a month ago with a copy of the proposed 2.0 Others wishing to speak will then also be 21 updates. given an opportunity. 22 You will have five minutes to speak. At the 2.3

beginning of your comments, for the record and the

court reporter, please state your name again and spell

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it and state who you represent.

At the conclusion of your comments, the Commissioners and staff may ask you questions.

In the interest of time, please do not repeat what other speakers have stated. If you agree with what has been said, simply state as such.

Although the public hearing will end when oral comments have concluded, written comments will continue to be accepted through the close of business on Thursday, March 14, 2023(sic).

Once the record is closed, the Medical
Resource Office and the Commission will carefully
consider all comments and available information and
data prior to taking formal action on the Fee Schedule.

And now, at least for our members present, I do not have any requests to speak.

Are there any members present here in the auditorium that wish to speak regarding the Fee Schedule recommendations?

(No audible response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. And now, for those who are online, does anyone online wish to speak?

Please unmute your mic and let us know who you are.

(No audible response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, hearing none, if

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there's no -- no oral comments to us either from persons present in the auditorium or online. So, accordingly, this will conclude the Annual Fee Schedule Public Hearing.

And, again, as a reminder, although our proceeding has concluded, written comments will be accepted through the close of business on March 14th, 2024.

Written comments may be submitted to the Medical Resource Office. Contact information is available on the Commission's Medical Resource Office webpage at azica.gov.

All written comments, along with the transcript of this hearing, will be posted on the Medical Resource Office webpage.

So thank you all very much. And thank you to our Medical Resource Office staff for this very detailed work that they do annually.

They, I think, have more patience and attention to detail than I do. And so I truly appreciate what they do.

(WHEREUPON, the hearing was concluded at 1:20 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE BE IT KNOWN that the foregoing proceedings were reported by Dorothy A. Schulte, Certified Reporter, Certificate No. 50459, State of Arizona, and reduced to written form under my direction; that the foregoing 12 pages constitute a full, true, and accurate transcript; all done to the best of my skill and ability. DATED at Phoenix, Arizona, this 25th day of March, 2024. Dorothy A. Schulte Dorothy A. Schulte, RPR Certified Court Reporter Certified No. 50459