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Medical Cost Projection Report

September 15, 2020

Ms.

REF: Ben Woods
Medical Cost Projection Report Submission

Re:
DOB:
Date of Injury:

The following is a medical cost projection report regarding . The medical cost projection is based on a review of medical records and a meeting held with , Orthopedic Spine Surgeon, on . Dr. and I discussed Mr. Woods's future medical needs, as the medical needs and costs pertain to the injury originated on . A copy of this report will be submitted to Dr. for his review and feedback.

Summation of Case:

According to the records reviewed, and self-report from , a year old male, was injured in a work-related motor vehicle accident on . Records suggest that Mr. Woods was

Medical records provided for review have been summarized in the below narrative. Inclusion or exclusion of a specific record or report is not intended to bias the present report.

2019:

2020:

Source for Pricing:

www.mdsave.com: This website is described as an online marketplace for health care providing consumers with a fair point of comparison for procedures. The prices in this medical cost projection obtained from www.mdsave.com are representative of an estimated national average calculated by www.mdsave.com using a proprietary algorithm. According to the website, the following 6 prices are used to determine the estimated national average: 1) the full price billed by the health care facility/provider, 2) discounted cash rates, 3) contracted rates, 4) insured out of pocket expenses, 5) self-pay rates, and 6) Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services set prices for members.

Future Medical Cost Projection:

The future medical needs for [redacted] as related to the accident of [redacted] have been based on information provided by [redacted], the review of medical records, and a conference with Dr. [redacted] held on [redacted].

Mr. Woods is [redacted] years of age. Mr. Woods's unrated life expectancy of 44.4 (rounded to 44) was based on the National Vital Statistics Report and Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (2017) Vol. 68, No. 7, revised June 24, 2019, for the total population.

Future medical costs have been projected as follows:

Physician Appointments:

Rationale for inclusion: Per the recommendation of Dr. [redacted], one (1) appointment every other year for life has been included to allow for routine monitoring and management of symptom exacerbations pertaining to the cervical spine. The same frequency has been allocated for routine follow-up appointments with [redacted] for the right wrist and right elbow.

Orthopedic Spine Surgeon: One (1) visit every other year for the remainder of life expectancy (total of 22). This is calculated as 44 remaining years / 1 visit every 2 years, totals 22 visits.

Office visit (established patient)

\$253.00 (estimated national average per www.mdsave.com)

$\$253.00 \times 22 = \$5,566.00$

Total for Orthopedic Spine Surgeon visits: \$5,566.00

Orthopedic Surgeon for right elbow/wrist: One (1) visit every other year for the remainder of life expectancy (total of 22). This is calculated as 44 remaining years / 1 visit every 2 years, totals 22 visits.

Office visit (established patient)

\$253.00 (estimated national average per www.mdsave.com)

$\$253.00 \times 22 = \$5,566.00$

Total for Orthopedic Surgeon (right elbow/wrist) visits: \$5,566.00

Orthopedic Spine Surgeon (\$5,566.00) + Orthopedic Surgeon for right elbow/wrist (\$5,566.00)

Lifetime cost for physician appointments: \$11,132.00

Diagnostic Testing:

Rationale for inclusion: Diagnostic testing has been included to allow for monitoring of post-operative status, evaluation of any symptom exacerbations occurring over lifetime, and routine monitoring over lifetime. For the cervical spine, x-rays, MRI scans and one EMG/NCV study of both upper extremities have been allocated. For the right wrist and elbow, an EMG/NCV study of the right upper extremity has been allocated (x-rays and MRI scans are not typically ordered for the diagnoses of carpal tunnel and cubital tunnel syndrome and have not been included).

Cervical x-rays: Every five (5) years for a total of eight (8) over physician, that these diagnostic studies would be warranted. These diagnostic studies may be more or less frequent based upon medical needs and physician discretion.

Complex X-ray (includes cervical spine)

\$360.00 (estimated national average per www.mdsave.com)

$\$360.00 \times 8 = \$2,880.00$

Total for cervical x-rays: \$2,880.00

Cervical MRI (with and without contrast): Every ten (10) years for a total of four (4) over lifetime. These diagnostic studies may be more or less frequent based upon medical needs and physician discretion.

\$1,443.00 (estimated national average per www.mdsave.com)

$\$1,443.00 \times 4 = \$5,772.00$

Total for cervical MRI scans: \$5,772.00

EMG/NCV of Bilateral Upper Extremities (to evaluate cervical radiculopathy): One (1) time over life. These diagnostic studies may be more or less frequent based upon medical needs and physician discretion.

\$563.00 (estimated national average per www.mdsave.com)

$\$563.00 \times 1 = \563.00

Total for EMG/NCV of bilateral upper extremities: \$563.00

EMG/NCV of Right Upper Extremity (to evaluate carpal tunnel/cubital tunnel): One (1) time over life. These diagnostic studies may be more or less frequent based upon medical needs and physician discretion.

\$473.00 (estimated national average per www.mdsave.com)

$\$473.00 \times 1 = \473.00

Total for EMG/NCV of right upper extremity; \$473.00

Cervical x-rays (\$2,880.00) + Cervical MRI (\$5,772.00) + EMG/NCV of bilateral upper extremities (\$563.00) + EMG/NCV of right upper extremity (\$473.00)

Lifetime cost for diagnostic testing: \$9,688.00

Physical Therapy:

Rationale for inclusion: Physical therapy has been included to allow for the treatment of symptom exacerbations and re-education in a home exercise program over lifetime. Per the recommendation of Dr. McDougal, a physical therapy evaluation every three (3) years (total of 14), followed by a course of six (6) physical therapy sessions over two (2) weeks (total of 84) have been included. This treatment may be more or less frequent based upon medical needs and physician discretion.

14 initial physical therapy evaluations over lifetime

\$249.00 (estimated national average per www.mdsave.com)

$14 \text{ initial evaluations over lifetime} \times \$249.00 = \$3,486.00$

Total: \$3,486.00

84 physical therapy sessions over lifetime for symptom exacerbations and re-education in a home exercise program

\$174.00/session (estimated national average per www.mdsave.com)

$84 \text{ therapy sessions} \times \$174.00 = \$14,616.00$

Total: \$14,616.00

Physical Therapy initial evaluations (\$3,486.00) + Physical Therapy sessions (\$14,616.00)

Lifetime cost for Physical Therapy: \$18,102.00

Procedures:

Rationale for inclusion: A series of three (3) cervical epidural steroid injections x four (4), for a total of twelve (12) over lifetime, have been included to allow for management of symptom exacerbations. These procedures may be more or less frequent based upon medical needs and physician discretion.

Cervical Epidural Injections: Twelve (12) injections over lifetime

Epidural Steroid Injection with imaging guidance

\$2,698.00 (estimated national average per www.mdsave.com)
12 cervical epidural steroid injections x \$2,698.00 = \$32,376.00
Total: \$32,376.00

Epidural Injections (\$32,376.00)
Lifetime cost for procedures: \$32,376.00

Miscellaneous Items

Rationale for inclusion: Per the recommendation of Dr. McDougal, an exercise bike has been included to allow for maintenance of a home exercise program.

Exercise Bike: Two (2) over lifetime

x 2 =
Total:

Exercise Bike
Lifetime cost for miscellaneous items:

Summary Calculations

Physician Appointments
Diagnostic Testing
Physical Therapy
Procedures
Miscellaneous Items

Total Lifetime Medical Cost Projection:

Excluded Items:

Medications:

Rationale for exclusion: Dr. McDougal did not recommend any prescription medications for the future medical allocation. Over the counter medications were recommended.

Please note that no alterations were made to reflect medical inflationary trends. I will defer to a Forensic Economist or Accountant to complete these calculations.

Sincerely,

Theodore Scott Smith
T. Scott Smith, Ph.D.