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Dear Ms. Kurth,

Attached please find responses to the Industrial Commission's inquiry regarding expanding the ODG adoption. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

As background, MCG Health is the new parent company to Work Loss Data Institute and ODG. Care guidelines from MCG provide fast access to evidence-based best practices and care-planning tools across the continuum of care, supporting clinical decision-making and documentation as well as enabling efficient transitions between care settings. Eight of the ten largest U.S. health plans and more than 1,600 hospitals use our evidence-based guidelines and software, driving effective care for 70% of commercially-insured Americans, resulting in better outcomes and contained costs.

As we are doing (and have done) in other ODG-adopted states, we would welcome Arizona to nominate a qualified local physician (or several physicians) for placement on the ODG Advisory Board. ODG Board members review ODG content prior to publication to provide independent peer review.

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve the Industrial Commission, and for your interest in leveraging ODG to optimize outcomes in the Arizona workers' compensation system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Phil LeFevre'.

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