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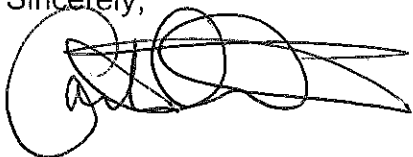
Dear Ms. Kurth,

I am an orthopedic hand surgeon with a substantial portion of my practice treating industrial patients. It has come to my attention that in the new proposed 2017 ICA Physician Fee Schedule some surgical CPT codes have been drastically decreased, sometimes greater than 50% from their present value.

I support the Arizona Medical Association's recommendation to cap fee cuts for any particular procedure at 5% so that no provider is disproportionately adversely affected. Additionally I support their recommendation to disallow the use of discounts under the new methodology.

I do feel these recommendations would help maintain the high quality of care in the state of Arizona for injured workers.

Sincerely,



Carter B. Lipton, M.D.

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