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Jackie Kurth,

It has come to my attention that the Industrial Commission of Arizona has proposed a reduction in the surgical fee reimbursement schedule for workers compensation patients' in Arizona. This has caused concern for not only the physicians and surgeons this effects but any healthcare provider like myself that treats workers comp patients. Treating and caring for workers is a very high level, high skill, and high service process. A reduction in the fee schedule may reduce the availability of the services provided by qualified and highly skilled professionals thus impacting workers abilities to return to work and receive the care they need. Aside from the actual "work" (surgery, treatment, etc) that is done for these workers there are unseen processes and expertise to navigate the workers compensation world. This involves much time and communication with nurse case managers, and other health care providers working on the case. Additionally the level of returning to function for a worker requires a unique skill set and knowledge which translates into favorable outcomes for the workers and employers. Unfortunately a reduction in reimbursement will likely limit access to proper care for workers. For this reason I am voicing my concern and wanted to express my hope that the Commission will re-assess this proposal and make appropriate change that will reflect the proper reimbursement for any and all services for injured workers.

Thank you,

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