

To Whom It May Concern:

Date: 11 May 2017

Re: Item # 5 – Payment to treating providers who participate in healthcare, preferred provider organization, outcome based network, or specialty networks.

From: Pablo Ruiz Jr., Owner of White Tanks Physical Therapy, Goodyear, AZ

As a private practitioner in outpatient physical therapy in the state of AZ for over 30 years I have witnessed a shift of involved parties related to the reimbursement from the industrial carriers we do business with. Those same industrial carriers and private practitioners are quite aware of the ICA fee schedule and its many years of fairness to medical industry. As an active member and shareholder of PTPN we are proud to claim we require a flat rate to our providers at the start of every new year that directly goes toward acquiring new and fair reimbursement returns to private practices, the continuance to work the current and active relationships established over the years of our existence, educational opportunities for front office and professional staff and many other benefits and services the network provides our members. Included in our annual rate as well is outcome based strategies through FOTO, a nationally reputable product.

I do support the newly proposed narrative under item #5. I also support a very close monitoring of the defined “predator networks” lurking for the primary purpose of controlling hurting souls (the Industrial patient) for the sole purpose of greed.

Respectfully submitted.