



April 25, 2017

Industrial Commission of Arizona
800 W. Washington St
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Notice of 2017 Arizona Physicians' and Pharmaceutical Fee Schedule Hearing

Dear Industrial Commission of Arizona Members:

I am a board-certified pain management specialist who completed an ABA accredited pain management fellowship in 2015. I joined Rincon Pain Management because they provided the opportunity to provide patient care in an ambulatory surgery center (ASC) setting. An ASC provides numerous safety advantages when compared to an office-based setting.

Mentoring under Dr. Randall Prust, I have increasingly participated in the care and management of his worker's compensation patients with the anticipation of growing this portion of my practice base.

The October 2016 new Official Disability Guidelines and their added complexity has led me to spend considerable time understanding how to implement them safely and correctly. I plan on being a pain physician in Tucson for my entire career. However, the new ICA recommendations with regards to payment reductions make me hesitant to continue to focus on treating worker's compensation patients.

I am formally requesting the Commission conduct further review and develop a payment methodology that would mitigate any substantial fee reductions. I believe this would provide additional patient access to qualified physician specialists willing to accept worker's compensation patients.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William D Ross", written over a horizontal line.

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