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Industrial Commission of Arizona
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Dear Ms. Kurth,

As you know, I am an orthopedic hand surgeon who has been taking care of orthopedic injuries for almost 40 years. It concerns me that there have been some drastic cuts proposed for the Industrial Commission of Arizona fee schedule for 2017.

I have reviewed the report authored by Chic Older, representing the Arizona Medical Association, and I agree with his concept of minimizing drastic cuts. He used the term "stop-loss" so that any given year we are not seeing 45% or 50% cuts in a particular orthopedic procedure.

Hopefully this will be given strong consideration for the current proposed fee schedule as well as considering it as a permanent policy for the future.

I am well aware that the final decision is a balance between many concerned parties and hopefully in the decision-making no one group will be burdened excessively.

Sincerely,



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