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Dear Mr Schultz,

I have only recently been made aware of the proposed changes to the industrial fee schedule. My understanding is this will be an RVU system similar to private payors. While I have no concern about this type of system, I am very concerned about the proposed reimbursement rates. As a provider who treats both industrial and private patients, I can assure you that the post operative requirements for the ICA patients are much more labor intensive for the surgeon and office staff. I am concerned that the proposed changes will result in many of the current physicians, who offer quality care to these patients, will elect to no longer see industrial patients. Undoubtedly there will be physicians who will fill the void, but this will likely significantly affect quality of care. Initial cost savings may actually prove to be more expensive due to indirect costs such as delayed return to work, complications, poor outcomes and higher impairment ratings, etc...



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