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To: [MRO](#)
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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to support proposed language changes for the Arizona Industrial Fee Schedule, specifically section 5 of the proposal.

The delaying and interfering with the care of the Arizona injured worker to no one's benefit except the network that acts as a "middleman" taking millions of dollars away from patient care. The "middleman" networks profit from providers while sending billions of dollars to foreign investors by imposing 50-60% reductions on the providers reimbursement and keeping the difference. This effectively holds providers hostage to accept these rates or lose the referrals and limiting access to quality care of the injured worker. By steering patients to the providers who are accepting the biggest discounts does not allow the patient and/or care giver to obtain the care they may need to return to work. This current process allows the "middleman" networks to pull patients out of non-contracted facilities in the middle of treatment which can ultimately delay progress of the patient and return to their prior level of function.

Injured workers in Arizona deserve the best treatment possible. Payment of at least 90% of the fee schedule will allow superior treatment to that which can not be provided when middlemen demand that PTs accept 50-60% discounts OR risk losing their referrals. Let's spend health care dollars on health care services, not out-of-state 'middlemen' networks who do not provide health care, but divert massive taxpayer dollars away from Arizona.

Thank you

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