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Industrial Commission of Arizona:

Carefree Physical Therapy supports the proposed language for the 2017-18 Fee Schedule that specifies payment to treating providers who participate in healthcare, preferred provider organization, outcome based network, or specialty networks, item #5 on the report.

Our experience has been that the silent PPOs and large contracting networks prohibit local injured workers from receiving PT at the provider of their choice by having narrow networks of providers who are willing to accept their very high administrative fees. We have opted not to participate in some of these networks due to the unreasonable payment to providers.

We think there should be greater transparency with contracting networks and that the providers of healthcare services should receive a high percent of the allowed fee schedule for direct treatment. This will provide improved levels of care for injured workers and employers.

Please feel free to contact us if have questions or need additional comments on this issue. Thank you, and we look forward to approval of this rule.

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