From: Bob Direnfeld

To: MRO

Subject: Arizona Industrial Fee Schedule

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Dear Commission:

I would like to ask for you support in the proposed language change in the Industrial Fee Schedule regarding "Payment to treating providers who participate in healthcare, preferred provider organization, outcome based network, or specialty networks."

This has been a long standing problem in the medical community and has severely limited the rights of workers to receive the care they need and deserve. The networks in question only care about making money and have no interest in doing what is medically indicated for the patient. These networks are owned and operated by investors whose bottom line of profit is the most important thus limiting the ability of providers to provide quality care at a reasonable paybale rate.

The only ones to benefit in these networks are the network owners! To many times I have had patients pulled from our office in the middle of a course of treatment to be referred to a different provider who is "in network" just so the network can make more money. This disrupts the continuity of care of the patient and slows recovery and return to work.

The Industrial Commision of Arizona exsists in part to protect the rights of injured workers. This proposal is a vital step in that direction.

Please support the proposed language change!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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