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To: [MRO](#)
Subject: Proposed language changes to AZ fee schedule
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Hello,

I want to send an email in support of the proposed language changes to AZ Fee schedule, particularly item #5 *Payment to treating providers who participate in healthcare, preferred provider organization, outcome based network, or specialty network.*

We run a small physical therapy business in South Phoenix and the current situation of allowing large networks such as Align etc. to unlimited skim the payments and limit our reimbursements have directly impacted our business. We used to see a reimbursement from our workman comp cases in approx \$100- \$120 per visit, after Align took over one of our larger referral sources they offered a \$65 per visit reimbursement which we denied. We came to term to \$95/ visit with the result they now instead "funnel" their patients to other facilities which accepted the lower rate. These networks provide little to no service to the providers and skim off as high as 50 + % of reimbursement.

I am in favor of the proposed language change which will keep the main portion of reimbursement with the service provider while the network would then receive a reasonable percentage for the administrative duties they provide.

Please dont hesitate to contact me if you have any follow up questions.

Sincerely,

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