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Ms. Kurth

I am writing to express deep concerns regarding your recently published Staff Proposal regarding the 2019/2020 Arizona Physicians and Pharmaceutical Fee Schedule.

In reviewing the authorizing legislation and listening to the bill sponsor's testimony it is clear your proposal well exceeds the authority the Industrial Commission was given as well as violates the expressed legislative intent as articulated by the bill sponsor in her testimony. The clear intent was to deal with those individuals that were over prescribing opioids and engaging in other behavior, such as compounding, that took advantage of the system.

This proposal will in effect decimate the medical practices of many doctor's as well as interfere with an injured workers access to medical care. It is upsetting and quite troubling that this agency would take such an offensive action and circumvent the legislative process in such a manner.

I am opposed to the proposed fee schedule. If your agency wants to make such a sweeping policy shift in regard to physician dispensing, then introduce a bill and come discuss it with policy makers during a legislative session. You do not have the unilateral authority to circumvent the process and state statute.

Sincerely,



Representative Charlene R. Fernandez
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