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Statement of the Connecticut Podiatric Medical Association
Senate Bill 192
Insurance and Real Estate Committee
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Sen. Crisco, Rep. Megna, Sen. Kelly, Rep. Sampson and members of the committee:

My name is Tom Johnson. I am a practicing Podiatric Doctor in Connecticut and serve as president of the Connecticut Podiatric Medical Association.

We have concerns over Senate Bill 192, *An Act Concerning the Qualifications of Clinical Peers for Adverse Determination Reviews*.

Our understanding of the current law is that if one of our medical treatments is denied by an insurer, we can ask that the decision be reviewed and that the review would be done by another Podiatric Doctor.

Lines 8 and 9 appear to change this arrangement and limit this review to a doctorate-level individual or Medical Doctor.

We believe the adverse determination reviews should be conducted by someone who knows our profession or, as the current law states, quote—a same or similar specialty—unquote.

Hopefully, the intent of the bill is to strengthen the rights of practitioners. If so, we would support that. But the way this bill is drafted is of concern to us.

Thank you for giving the Connecticut Podiatric Medical Association the opportunity to comment on this bill.