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Senator Edwin Gomes
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Representative Peter Tercyak
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Workers' Compensation Rates -Need for Augmentation

Dear Senator Gomes and Representative Tercyak:

Over the past few years, radiologists have received reduced reimbursement of up to 51% on following codes:

73221- shoulder
72148- back
73721- knee

By statute, the State of Connecticut must use the Medicare RBRVS when calculating the workers' compensation fee schedule. However, we have concerns that codes are not being reviewed and augmented, as permitted and appropriate, when significant reductions occur. The Workers' Compensation Commission has the ability to augment codes when necessary to avoid or alleviate unintended consequences arising from the use of the Medicare fee schedule. Because of the Medicare cuts, the reimbursement rates for the above codes are now significantly out of alignment with the much higher group health rates.

I would ask that the Labor Committee strongly consider making an adjustment to the radiology fees to make them competitive with group health so injured workers can get the treatment they need.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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