UNDUE DELAY WORKERS COMPENSATION TASKFORCE

AGENDA

Thursday, January 30, 2020

4:00 PM in Room 2B of the LOB

1. Introductions;

2. Public Comment;

3. Discussion regarding the continuation of this Taskforce until 2021;

4. The process for the identification the extent of unreasonably contested and/or delayed worker’s compensation claims;

5. Discussion regarding how legislative proposals will be analyzed to address possible financial impact(s) on the treating physician, claimant, respondent, employer or insurance industry, or the self-insured;

6. Discussion regarding the “Survey of Injured Worker Claims.”

7. Follow up on the discussion regarding a minor change in the statute that addresses changes in the requirements regarding Form 36. That is, properly authorized prescriptions and/or diagnostic services cannot be stopped without Commissioner approval. See CGS Sec. 31-296 and remarks included in this package from CTLA Chair Attorney Shafner;

8. Follow up from January 16, 2020 discussion regarding orders to prevent undue delay. Should there be additional legislation or should the scheduling orders be a directive of the Worker’s Compensation Chairman? See proposed language changes for CGS Sec. 31-300;

9. Review of types of Undue Delay and suggested changes included mandatory penalties. Should there be exceptions? See proposed CGS Sec. 31-288(c), and CGS Sec. 31-288(d);
10. Utilization review practices and standards. Who decides whether treatment is necessary and how long will the treatment be required. Is the treating physician the deciding factor in whether the claimant ultimately receives medically necessary care. See CGS Sec. 31-279.

11. Presentation from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner regarding how worker’s compensation insurance companies meet the standards required for charging a fair premium to employers and the self-insured employer that will use insurance as a back-up for an inadequate reserve pool;

12. The impact of product liability claims on Worker’s Compensation Claims. How do these claims burden the system?

13. Suggestions for our next agenda by February 7th for the February 13th meeting;

14. Public Comment

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