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Mr. William Melofchik
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Sent Via Email to wmelofchik@ncoil.org

Dear Mr. Melofchik,

Over the past 120 years, the Arizona Medical Association (ArMA) has been an advocate for physicians, promoting the interests of patients and well-being of all Arizonans. On behalf of more than 4,000 physician members that ArMA represents, we are writing to express our opposition to the National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) Workers' Compensation Pharmaceutical Reimbursement Rates Model Act.

ArMA does not support the elimination of physician dispensing nor the restrictive conditions created by NCOIL's model act on physician dispensing. Allowing a physician to dispense only a single 7-day fill, only if an injured worker is seen within 7 days of an injury, proves to be setting burdensome and unrealistic limitations on physicians and patients.

ArMA supports providing care in the best interest of patients, which should be decided by physicians. This model act limits the ability of physicians to treat injured workers in office settings, as office dispensing is a practical way to ensure patient compliance and recovery.

ArMA respectfully requests, in the best interest of patients, that this model legislation as written not move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Marc Leib MD'.

Marc Leib, MD, JD
Chair, Legislative and Governmental
Governmental Affairs Committee

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'William Thompson, IV, MD'.

William Thompson, IV, MD
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