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Mr. William Melofchik  
Legislative Director  
National Council of Insurance Legislators  
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Dear Mr. Melofchik:

On The Mend Occupational Medicine PLLC is located in Lakewood, CO and treats thousands of injured workers yearly. As a physician-owned and operated business we have over 20 years of experience in medicine, including administering work-related injury care. On the Mend strives to provide fair, honest and personalized care that sets us apart.

It is our mission to ensure that our patients achieve the best possible outcome and an important component is providing medications at the point of care. Limiting the physicians to only dispense medicine within seven days of the injury to a worker and then only for a single fill would be detrimental to the care of our patients. Over the years, I have written numerous prescriptions for patients that pharmacies don't fill because they can't get ahold of the insurance company for approval. This even includes antibiotics for infections. Untreated eye infections can cause loss of vision, and some untreated infections can be a life threatening condition! Dispensing medications in our clinic not only provides convenience to the patient, but it allows us to better track compliance and outcomes.

We strongly urge NCOIL to reject this "model bill" and suggest you consult physicians who are on the front line treating injured workers on a daily basis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Sharon Walker", written over a horizontal line.

Sharon Walker, MD FACEP