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September 25, 2018

Mr. William Melofchik
Legislative Director
National Council of Insurance Legislators
2317 Route 34 Suite 2B
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Dear Mr. Melofchik:

Orthopaedic Specialty Group (OSG) is a large musculoskeletal group practice located in Fairfield County CT. We currently have 5 locations, with a 6th to come on board in late 2018. The practice not only services over 150,000 patient visits, we provided nearly 20,000 urgent care walk in visits via our OrthoFast Walk –in Centers. OSG's patient population is well over 25% work related injuries, and has direct contracts with several very large employers, as well as two major universities to be the direct contact for their employees.

The Physicians of OSG strongly oppose the National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) "model bill" on physician dispensing.

OSG's Orthopaedic and Pain Management physicians regularly treat both acute and chronic patients and medication dispensing is a critical component to ensure compliance and convenience for our patients. This is critical in reducing lost time and controlling unnecessary medical costs for the employer.

There is no clinical evidence that supports limiting a patient's medication supply to 7 days, and forcing the burden of excessive medical and administrative burden of overseeing multiple refills. It is imperative that evidence be provided to support the clinical basis for the 7day supply and 1time fill rule?

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Finally, it is unclear as to why no physicians, patients or other health care companies were consulted on the "model bill". We urge you to reject the bill which is fatally flawed, overly burdensome and intentionally one side of the debate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve P. Fiore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

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