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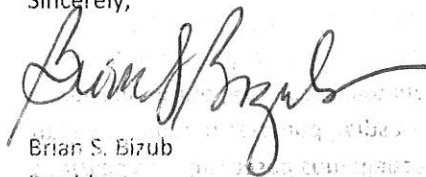
Dear Mr. Melofchik,

Raleigh Orthopaedic Clinic, located in central North Carolina, was founded in 1919. The group consists of 26 fellowship-trained board certified orthopaedic surgeons, 20 mid-levels, and 400 support staff at 8 locations treating over 1,000 patients per day. Raleigh Orthopaedic Clinic opposes the NCOIL proposed amendments to the model bill on repackaged reimbursement rates.

The proposed model bill would impact the treatment of patients and jeopardize the quality of care offered by physicians. Raleigh Orthopaedic Clinic believes the model bill overlooks some of the benefits of in-office dispensing, including better patient compliance and better patient safety. When medication is dispensed to a patient in-office, the patient begins treatment immediately. This greatly increases compliance with the prescribed treatment regimen because there is a 100% prescription fill rate (compared to only a 70-80% fill rate at pharmacies). Increased compliance by the injured worker with his/her prescribed medication therapy streamlines the continuum of care and helps to eliminate potential factors that would slow the process of the patient getting to maximum medical improvement ("MMI") as quickly as possible. Furthermore, when a prescription is faxed, emailed, or phoned in to a pharmacy, a lot can get lost in translation. These types of medication errors alone have led to 3.3 billion adverse drug reactions due to illegible handwriting/abbreviations and unclear phone orders (Institute of Safe Medicine Practices, 2017). Being able to receive medications at the point of care eliminates the need for written or faxed instructions to the pharmacy that aren't always processed correctly and helps promote better in-office medication consultation.

For the above reasons, Raleigh Orthopaedic Clinic requests that the National Council of Insurance Legislators reject the model bill.

Sincerely,



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