

July 30, 2025

Ms. Heather Jordan, Director
State of NM Workers Compensation Administration
2410 Centre Ave SE,
Albuquerque, NM 87106

RE: Written Comment about proposed 2025 rule changes Part 7

Dear Ms. Jordan,

This letter is written to acknowledge my support and appreciation for the proposed WCA plan for updating the fee schedule for healthcare provider depositions and for deposition preparation time [(11.4.7.13) *Non-Clinical Services*].

My understanding is that the current fee schedule for these services has been in place since 1990 and has not even been incrementally updated for the past 35 years. The proposed fee changes will be more aligned with the time commitment necessary for healthcare providers to adequately prepare for depositions, which incidentally, is often more than the allotted three-hour time limit set forth by the fee schedule.

Sincerely,

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