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Ms. Heather Jordan, Director

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RE: Written Comment about Proposed 2025 Rule Changes Part 7

Dear Ms. Jordan,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed updates to the WCA fee schedule for healthcare provider depositions and deposition preparation time ([11.4.7.13] *Non-Clinical Services*).

The current fee schedule has remained unchanged since 1990 and does not reflect the time and effort required of healthcare providers today. The proposed revisions more accurately represent the significant preparation and participation time involved in depositions—time that often exceeds the currently allotted three-hour maximum.

Updating the schedule is a necessary and long-overdue step to ensure that healthcare professionals are fairly compensated for these non-clinical services, which are essential to the integrity of the workers compensation process.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

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