



Workers' Compensation Committee of Alaska

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Attention: Marie Marx

RE: Proposed Regulations 8 AAC 45.082 and 083

Dear Ms. Marx,

On behalf of the WCCA employer members we urge you to adopt the proposed regulations 8 AAC 45.082 and 083. As you know, medical costs account for about 76¢ of every workers' compensation dollar, and it's long past time to tackle the escalating medical costs which drive extremely high workers' comp premiums. Even though these regulations do not address the vital parallel issues of utilization and evidence-based objective medical treatment guidelines, which the WCCA believes are critical to realize the full benefit of a medical fee schedule, we believe these regulations are a step in the right direction and we give our full support.

Sincerely,

Chuck Brady
President