

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Avakian, Beyer, Gordly, Monroe, Prozanski

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Adds the requirement that the attending physician be responsible “on an ongoing basis” for treatment of a workers’ compensation injury.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Support of the Management-Labor Advisory Committee
- Significance of attending physician
- Inconsistent with the authorization of treatment for thirty days

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Allows an emergency room physician who is not authorized to serve as an attending physician to authorize temporary disability benefits for 14 days.

BACKGROUND: Currently, the attending physician has responsibility for the treatment of the workers’ compensation claim. SB 504 A adds the language “on an ongoing basis” to the definition of attending physician.