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BUREAU CIRCULAR NO. 826

To All Members of the Bureau:

Re: **DELAWARE WORKERS COMPENSATION LEGISLATION**
SENATE BILL 1

IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Bureau Circular No. 812 gave a summary of all the provisions of Senate Bill 1, as published by the Delaware legislature. The Bureau is receiving various questions concerning the implementation of various medical cost containment features of that law.

The Health Care Advisory Panel called for in the law has been constituted and is meeting toward the objectives of establishing a medical fee schedule and treatment guidelines. The panel met for the first time on May 23, 2007.

Specific steps in the creation, adoption, announcement and/or implementation of medical cost containment features of Senate Bill 1 currently await the progress of the Health Care Advisory Panel. The Bureau will endeavor to remain informed about the work of that group and will share updates with all members via circular as authoritative information becomes available.

One point of information that may be useful in the interim is related to the implementation of schedules of maximum acceptable charges for professional services, hospital services, independent treatment centers, laboratory and pharmaceuticals. The Delaware Department of Labor has advised the Bureau that all components of the medical fee schedules will be implemented at the same (future) time and that adjustment of any provider's or providers' billings based on selected provisions of Senate Bill 1 in the interim is not permissible.

We will inform you as soon as possible when we are aware of more information about the actual implementation date of these schedules.

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