



Dedicated to protecting access to quality healthcare for automobile accident victims

NO-FAULT ALERT!

As you have heard, after two decades without any meaningful rate increase, the Workers' Compensation Board ("the Board") has proposed a new medical schedule of fees that increases rates of reimbursement for most services and most providers throughout the healthcare industry.

However, some of the proposals threaten to severely restrict access to healthcare for injured workers and automobile accident victims...

Most troubling are the proposals to limit Physical Therapy to 12 visits within 180 days and Chiropractic care to 180 days—ending the existing medical necessity standard.

Proposed Physical Medicine Ground Rule 2 provides:

Physical medicine services may not exceed 12 sessions/visits per patient per accident or illness or be rendered more than 180 days from the first session/visit.

Chiropractic Physical Medicine Ground Rule 3 also limits treatment to 180 days. These proposed Ground Rules would have dire consequences for many injured workers and all automobile accident victims.

The proposed Ground Rules...

- 1) deny patient access to care prescribed under the No-Fault statute;**
- 2) takes away the medical necessity standard for physical medicine, thereby restricting provider ability to practice medicine and act in the best interest of the patient;**
- 3) irreparably harms people who are underinsured or have a high deductible;**
- 4) was not formulated based on medical evidence; and**
- 5) directly conflicts with the enabling No-Fault statute.**

There is still time to voice YOUR concerns to the NYS Workers' Compensation Board!

The Board is required by law to consider comments at least until **November 1, 2018.**

Visit <http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/main/hcpp/FeeSchedules.jsp>
http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/main/SubjectNos/sn046_1108.jsp to view the full regulations **and submit written comments to WCB via email - regulations@wcb.ny.gov** with a cc to <mailto:info@newyorkfair.org>

The NYFAIR team is working diligently to ensure the interests of providers and patients are protected. Submitting comments will bolster our efforts to STOP the approval of proposed Ground Rule 2 and 3.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE VIEW OUR SEPARATE FAQ FOR ANSWERS.