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From: Michael McNamara [mmcnamara@akhanddoc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 2:40 PM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: HB 314 Workman's Comp

Honorable Kurt Olson,

Dear Representative Olson,

I am an orthopedic Surgeon in Anchorage and have been the President of the advisory board for Alaska Surgical Center for eight years. My practice consists of approximately 30-40% W/C patients. I have reviewed Dr Brion Beerle' letter to you, regarding HB 314, representing the Alaska State Medical Association. As a representative of 34 partners in the Alaska Surgical Center, I feel that the letter from Dr Beerle well represents most surgeons and physicians in our community that care for W/C patients. Please recognize that those of us that care for W/C patients expend a significant amount of extra time and energy to care for W/C patients especially regarding the excessive paperwork requirements that follow these patients. Reduction in reimbursement will only jeopardize patient's access to care. Please review the ASMA recommendations and consider them seriously.

Sincerely and respectfully,

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