

Shea Siegert

From: Louis [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 11:02 AM
To: Shea Siegert
Subject: Healthcare bill for insurers

Mr Siegert,

As an owner of an outpatient Physical Therapy clinic in Anchorage I am in favor of the bill/law limiting the amount of time an insurer has to be refunded funds. One year would be optimal, 18 months acceptable.

Louis Greene MSPT, Dip. MDT

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From: Andrea Samuel [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 1:28 PM
To: Shea Siegert
Subject: HB 313

Dear Mr. Siegert,

I am in favor of HB 313.

I am a sole proprietor, private-practice speech-language pathologist who works with the pediatric population.

I do not make large sums of money from my small caseload. As a speech therapist I am limited in the number of procedure codes I use to treat my particular population of clients.

Having an insurer come back and audit my Dates of Service at any time in the distant future poses unnecessary financial risk -not just to my practice, but to myself and my family.

It is reasonable to mandate that insurance companies be given a term of 12-18 months from date of service to do the following: To request an audit; and further, to seek repayment if they have reasonable evidence that they have overpaid me, or paid for a service/procedure I did not render due to billing errors.

These Insurance companies should be cooperative and fair with individual providers and not predatory in recouping money they feel they've overpaid or need to dispute.

Many thanks for introducing this bill.

Respectfully,
Andrea Samuel

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From: Yvonne San Juan <yvonnesj@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 27, 2018 10:11 AM
To: Shea Siegert
Subject: House Bill 313

Dear Mr. Siegert,

I want to encourage you to support House Bill 313 on behalf of speech therapists in our community. We work hard to improve the lives of our clients, and to adhere to professional ethics as our national organization (ASHA) requires. Insurance companies billing us or our clients years after the service has been provided is a disservice to both clinicians and the clients we serve. As clinicians, we are often not allowed to bill for services after a specified length of time, so how do insurance companies get away with this? I urge you to act on our behalf and provide a time limit for insurance companies to request reimbursement. Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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From: Sara Garsha [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 11:41 AM
To: Shea Siegert
Subject: HOUSE BILL NO. 313

Hello-

I'm writing in support of HB313. As a provider, the potential for liability currently faced by providers accepting insurance is daunting. I have a colleague that suffered this fate and was required to pay nearly \$500,000 for payments received over 7 years prior. The current ability for insurance companies to place the responsibility of what should be their own business practice (checking the validity of claims) is unseemly and dangerous for anyone accepting insurance. I urge the house to place a cap on the amount of time insurance companies can seek restitution on claims they mistakenly paid.

Thank you for your support,

Sara Garsha, LMT