

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JULY 14, 2003

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 16, 2003

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AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 21, 2003

SENATE BILL

No. 1071

Introduced by Senator Vincent

March 11, 2003

~~An act to amend Section 5307.11 of the Labor Code, relating to workers'—An act relating to workers' compensation.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1071, as amended, Vincent. ~~Workers' compensation:—official medical fees.~~

Existing workers' compensation law generally requires employers to secure the payment of workers' compensation, including medical treatment, for injuries incurred by their employees that arise out of or in the course of employment.

~~Existing law requires the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation to adopt and revise, no less frequently than biennially, an official medical fee schedule that establishes reasonable maximum fees paid for medical services through the workers' compensation system.~~

~~Existing law authorizes a health care provider or licensed health facility and a contracting agent, as defined, employer, or carrier to contract for reimbursement rates that are different from the official medical fee schedule.~~

~~This bill would also permit a diagnostic or other medical imaging center to contract with a contracting agent, employer, carrier, or an agent on behalf of a contracting agent, employer, or carrier, for reimbursement rates different from those in the medical fee schedule.~~

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to improve the workers' compensation system by promoting the efficient delivery of high quality appropriate medical care.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1.—Section 5307.11 of the Labor Code is amended~~
2 *SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to improve the*
3 *workers' compensation system by promoting the efficient delivery*
4 *of high quality appropriate medical care.*
5 ~~to read:~~
6 ~~5307.11.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a health~~
7 ~~care provider, health facility licensed pursuant to Section 1250 of~~
8 ~~the Health and Safety Code, or a diagnostic or other medical~~
9 ~~imaging center, and a contracting agent, employer, carrier, or an~~
10 ~~agent acting on behalf of a contracting agent, employer, or carrier,~~
11 ~~may contract for reimbursement rates different from those in the~~
12 ~~fee schedule adopted and revised pursuant to Section 5307.1.~~
13 ~~When a health care provider, health facility licensed pursuant to~~
14 ~~Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code, or a diagnostic or~~
15 ~~other medical imaging center, and a contracting agent, employer,~~
16 ~~carrier, or an agent acting on behalf of a contracting agent,~~
17 ~~employer, or carrier, contract for reimbursement rates different~~
18 ~~from those in the fee schedule, the medical fee schedule for that~~
19 ~~health care provider, health facility licensed pursuant to Section~~
20 ~~1250 of the Health and Safety Code, or a diagnostic or other~~
21 ~~medical imaging center, shall not apply to the contracted~~
22 ~~reimbursement rates. Except as provided in subdivision (b) of~~
23 ~~Section 5307.1, the official medical fee schedule shall establish~~
24 ~~maximum reimbursement rates for all medical services for injuries~~
25 ~~subject to this division provided by a health care provider, health~~
26 ~~care facility licensed pursuant to Section 1250 of the Health and~~



- 1 ~~Safety Code, or a diagnostic or other medical imaging center, other~~
- 2 ~~than those specified in contracts subject to this section.~~

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