

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Business, Labor, & Technology.

SB21-197 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, line 9, after "PHYSICIAN." insert "THE
2 EMPLOYEE MAY DESIGNATE A LEVEL I ACCREDITED PHYSICIAN ONLY IF
3 REFERRED BY A LEVEL II ACCREDITED PHYSICIAN.".

4 Page 4, line 2, after "PHYSICIAN." insert "THE EMPLOYER OR INSURER MAY
5 DESIGNATE A LEVEL I ACCREDITED PHYSICIAN ONLY IF REFERRED BY A
6 LEVEL II ACCREDITED PHYSICIAN.".

7 Page 9, after line 23 insert:

8 "(III) A SELF-INSURED EMPLOYER OR INSURER MAY REQUEST A
9 CHANGE FROM AN EMPLOYEE'S DESIGNATED PHYSICIAN TO A PHYSICIAN
10 FROM A DESIGNATED PROVIDER LIST OF LEVEL II ACCREDITED PHYSICIANS.
11 THE REQUEST MUST BE IN WRITING ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE
12 DIRECTOR AND WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE REQUEST PROVIDED TO THE
13 EMPLOYEE. THE REQUEST MUST BE MADE BETWEEN SIXTY AND ONE
14 HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF INJURY. WITHIN TWENTY
15 DAYS AFTER THE NOTICE OF THE REQUEST, THE EMPLOYEE MAY OBJECT TO
16 THE REQUESTED CHANGE ON THE FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE DIRECTOR,
17 WHICH FORM MUST INCLUDE NOTICE TO THE SELF-INSURED EMPLOYER OR
18 INSURER. IF NO TIMELY OBJECTION IS SUBMITTED, THE REQUEST TO
19 CHANGE SHALL BE GRANTED. IF A TIMELY OBJECTION IS SUBMITTED, THE
20 CHANGE WILL BE DEEMED TO BE DENIED, PENDING AN APPLICATION BY THE
21 SELF-INSURED EMPLOYER OR INSURER FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING ON THE
22 MERITS. AN APPLICATION FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING MUST BE FILED
23 WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DIRECTOR'S RECEIPT OF THE EMPLOYEE'S
24 TIMELY NOTICE OF OBJECTION.

25 (IV) A SELF-INSURED EMPLOYER OR INSURER MAY DESIGNATE A
26 LEVEL I ACCREDITED PHYSICIAN ONLY IF REFERRED BY A LEVEL II
27 ACCREDITED PHYSICIAN.".

28 Page 10, line 16, after "PHYSICIAN." insert "THE INJURED EMPLOYEE MAY
29 DESIGNATE A NEW LEVEL I ACCREDITED PHYSICIAN ONLY IF REFERRED BY
30 A LEVEL II ACCREDITED PHYSICIAN.".

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