
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION TREATMENT PLANS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's current
2 system for physicians to submit treatment plans in workers'
3 compensation claims is in need of modernization given
4 advancements in technology. The legislature further finds that
5 allowing treatment plans to be faxed and emailed will greatly
6 improve the efficiency of Hawaii's workers' compensation system.

7 The purpose of this Act is to improve the efficiency of
8 Hawaii's workers' compensation system by allowing the
9 transmittal of treatment plans through electronic media.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 386, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
12 and to read as follows:

13 "§386- Treatment plans. (a) Notwithstanding any law to
14 the contrary, a physician may transmit a treatment plan to an
15 employer by facsimile, the Internet, or secure electronic mail.



1 (b) A treatment plan shall be deemed received by an
2 employer when the plan is sent by facsimile, the Internet, or
3 secure electronic mail with reasonable evidence, including
4 automatic electronic receipt, showing that the treatment plan
5 was received.

6 (c) A treatment plan shall be deemed accepted if an
7 employer fails to file with the director by facsimile, the
8 Internet, or secure electronic mail:

9 (1) An objection to the treatment plan;

10 (2) Any applicable documentary evidence supporting the
11 denial; and

12 (3) A copy of the denied treatment plan,
13 copying the physician and the injured employee, within seven
14 calendar days after the employer's receipt of the treatment
15 plan.

16 (d) Employers shall accept electronic submissions of
17 treatment plans and provide an automatic electronic receipt upon
18 receipt of the submitted treatment plan."




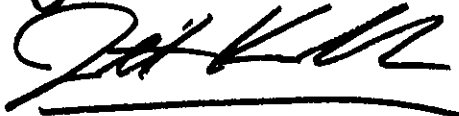
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1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Workers' Compensation; Treatment Plans; Electronic Submission

Description:

Allows physicians to submit workers' compensation treatment plans to employers by facsimile, the Internet, or secure electronic mail. Requires employers to accept electronically submitted treatment plans and provide an electronic receipt of the submission.

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