

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 18

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE NEUMAN

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 17 through 20, by striking out all
2 of said lines and inserting

3 Section 1. Section 306(f.1)(5) and (6)(ii) of the act of
4 June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers'
5 Compensation Act, are amended, paragraph (3)(vi) is amended by
6 adding a subclause and paragraph (6) is amended by adding a
7 subparagraph to read:

8 Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 22 and 23

9 (5) The employer or insurer shall make payment and providers
10 shall submit bills and records in accordance with the provisions
11 of this section. All payments to providers for treatment
12 provided pursuant to this act shall be made within thirty (30)
13 days of receipt of such bills and records unless the employer or
14 insurer disputes the reasonableness or necessity of the
15 treatment provided pursuant to paragraph (6). The nonpayment to
16 providers within thirty (30) days for treatment for which a bill
17 and records have been submitted shall only apply to that
18 particular treatment or portion thereof in dispute; payment must
19 be made timely for any treatment or portion thereof not in
20 dispute. A provider who has submitted the reports and bills
21 required by this section and who disputes the amount or
22 timeliness of the payment from the employer or insurer shall
23 file an application for fee review with the department no more
24 than thirty (30) days following notification of a disputed
25 treatment or ninety (90) days following the original billing
26 date of treatment. If the insurer disputes the reasonableness
27 and necessity of the treatment pursuant to paragraph (6), the
28 period for filing an application for fee review shall be tolled
29 as long as the insurer has the right to suspend payment to the
30 provider pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph. Within
31 thirty (30) days of the filing of such an application, the
32 department shall render an administrative decision. A health
33 care provider shall have standing to file with the department a
34 petition for penalties for nonpayment of fees.