

WORKERS' COMPENSATION PAYMENT PARITY

HB 161 BY DALEY AND SB 362 BY BRADLEY

SUPPORT ACCESS TO CARE FOR INJURED WORKERS

“Data from the WCRI, NCCI, and the Division of Workers’ Compensation reflect Florida’s percentage of Medicare rates are at or near financial inadequacy for the purposes of reimbursing physicians for directly treating injured workers.”

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-2019 Report from the Florida Division of Financial Services, Three Member Panel

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The Legislature should increase the percentage of Medicare rates paid to physicians.

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Florida has the lowest physician reimbursement in the nation for services rendered within the Workers' Compensation program.

-Workers' Compensation Research Institute (WCRI)

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WCRI Data illustrates decreased participation of physicians in Workers Compensation versus other states. Only 22% of Primary Care and 34% of Surgeons accept Workers Compensation Patients.

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Florida Insurance Commissioner Michael Yaworsky has approved a statewide overall workers' compensation insurance rate decrease of 15.1% in 2024. Premiums have been reduced a cumulative 74% since 2003.

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The statutory expert witness fee of \$200.00 per hour has not been updated in over 20 years and is now less than the fee offered to Expert Medical Advisors retained by the Division of Workers' Compensation