ORDER

Whereas, Section 8.2 of the Workers' Compensation Act requires that the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission shall establish and maintain a Medical Fee Schedule of maximum reimbursements for medical care covered under the Act, and

Whereas, Section 8.2(b) of the Act provides "if the Commission finds that there is a significant limitation on access to quality health care in either a specific field of healthcare services or a specific geographic limitation on access to health care, it may change the Consumer Price Index-U increase or decrease for that specific field or specific geographic limitation on access to health care to address that limitation", and

Whereas, current rates for Evaluation and Management codes in Illinois are below appropriate reimbursement levels, which disincentivizes Illinois medical providers from offering medical services at these rates and threatens access to care for injured workers in the State of Illinois, and

Whereas, inadequate reimbursement for Evaluation and Management codes creates a presumptive access-to-care issue, and increasing reimbursement would alleviate this issue.

Now, Therefore, It Is Hereby Ordered by the members of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, that, effective September 1, 2022, the reimbursements for CPT codes 99203, 99204, 99205, 99213, 99214, and 99215 be increased by fifteen percent (15%) to accommodate injured workers' access to health care in the State of Illinois.

Dated: June 13, 2022

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