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Workers' Compensation Division
Attn: Fred Bruyns
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Dear Mr. Bruyns:

In reading the proposed amendments of workers' compensation rules, Blount wishes to object to the removal of the 10-day supply limitation regards reimbursement for medications (OAR 436-010-0230).

It is bad policy to allow the broadening of medical reimbursement by physicians. Drug costs are a primary driver of medical costs and removing this limitation will only encourage physicians to dispense more to generate revenue to themselves. Broadening this distribution channel for medication adversely affects our ability to control drug costs through pharmacy networks. We also believe that pharmacies are important in the safe dispersion of drugs, as they stay current on new drugs and maintain drug interaction identification.

We recommend the 10-day limitation remain in effect.

Sincerely,

Dale C. Johnson
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