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SENATE BILL 03-224

BY SENATOR(S) Jones;  
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Butcher and Coleman.

CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
PHYSICIAN ACCREDITATION PROGRAM UNDER RULES ADOPTED BY THE  
DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** 8-40-201 (2.5) and (13.5), Colorado Revised Statutes,  
are amended to read:

**8-40-201. Definitions - repeal.** As used in articles 40 to 47 of this  
title, unless the context otherwise requires:

(2.5) (a) "Adverse action" means that the director, pursuant to part  
5 of article 43 of this title or section 8-42-101 (3.6), has retroactively denied  
payment of fees, recommended a change in treating physician, or excluded  
a health care provider from the workers' compensation system by revoking  
the accreditation of any such health care provider under section 8-42-101  
(3.6).

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes  
through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material  
not part of act.*

(b) (I) This subsection (2.5) is repealed, effective July 1, 2003 2014.

(II) Prior to such repeal, the accreditation process created by section 8-42-101 (3.5) and (3.6) shall be reviewed as provided for in section 24-34-104, C.R.S.

(13.5) (a) "Medical treatment guidelines" means a system of evaluation and treatment guidelines for high cost or high frequency categories of occupational injury and disease that will assure appropriate medical care at a reasonable cost.

(b) (I) This subsection (13.5) is repealed, effective July 1, 2003 2014.

(II) PRIOR TO SUCH REPEAL, THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS CREATED BY SECTION 8-42-101 (3.5) AND (3.6) SHALL BE REVIEWED AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 24-34-104, C.R.S.

**SECTION 2.** 8-42-101 (3.5) (c) (I) and (3.6) (r) (I), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

**8-42-101. Employer must furnish medical aid - approval of plan - fee schedule - contracting for treatment - no recovery from employee - medical treatment guidelines - accreditation of physicians - repeal.** (3.5) (c) (I) This subsection (3.5) is repealed, effective July 1, 2003 2014.

(3.6) The two-tier accreditation system shall be comprised of the following programs:

(r) (I) This subsection (3.6) is repealed, effective July 1, 2003 2014.

**SECTION 3. Repeal.** 24-34-104 (32.5) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is repealed as follows:

**24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies and functions for termination, continuation, or reestablishment.** (32.5) The following agencies, functions, or both, shall terminate on July 1, 2003:

(a) ~~The accreditation of health care providers under the workers'~~

~~compensation system in accordance with section 8-42-101 (3.5) and (3.6);  
C.R.S.;~~

**SECTION 4.** 24-34-104, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

**24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies and  
functions for termination, continuation, or reestablishment.** (45) THE  
FOLLOWING AGENCIES, FUNCTIONS, OR BOTH, SHALL TERMINATE ON JULY 1,  
2014: THE ACCREDITATION OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS UNDER THE  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8-42-101  
(3.5) AND (3.6), C.R.S.

**SECTION 5. Effective date.** This act shall take effect July 1,  
2003.

**SECTION 6. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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