



UWC asks Maryland Commission to Withdraw Proposed WMCSA Regulations

On Tuesday, February 1st, UWC filed comments with the Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission asking that it withdraw its proposed regulations with respect to the procedure for employers and insurers to obtain approval of settlements in cases where there may be a future medical interest on the part of Medicare.

In requesting that the proposal be withdrawn, UWC made the following points:

- 1. The proposed action has a significant economic impact on employers, insurers, claimants and their representatives.**
- 2. Small business would be particularly impacted by the proposal.**
- 3. The proposal will negatively impact individuals with disabilities.**
- 4. There is no federal requirement under the CMS guidelines for the Commission to enforce.**
- 5. The proposal puts employers in Maryland at a competitive disadvantage with employers in other states.**
- 6. There is no finality provided by CMS even when there has been a WCMSA submission approval.**
- 7. The Commission should not effectively delegate its authority to approve workers' compensation settlements under Maryland law to whoever CMS has assigned to update its website.**