

Update: SB 936- Workers' Comp "Reforms" on Stand-By

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Yesterday, PCA participated in a stakeholders meeting regarding the status of PA Senate Bill 936. You may recall that SB 936 did not pass the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, due to a deadlocked (98 Yes- 98 No) vote last week

Status of SB 936:

- SB 936 remains under the auspices of the PA House of Representatives
- the PA House is NOT currently in session
- Speaker of the House Mike Turzai (R- Allegheny) may convene the House with as little as 12 hours' notice
- knowing that the pro-SB 936 advocates are turning up the heat on House members who voted NO on SB 936, there will be more political maneuvers by pro-SB 936 advocates
- PCA can state with confidence that as things currently stand, SB 936 will be brought to the floor of the House for a "reconsideration" vote, possibly any day now, but likely in early March.

IF your state representative voted NO on SB 936, PCA needs you again to reach out to your state representative, and communicate 4 things:

1. THANK your state Representative for casting a NO vote on February 6 and supporting injured workers rights to care
2. Acknowledge that you know your state rep is under intense pressure to vote for SB 936 and against injured workers, especially so in an election year
3. Restate your request that your state Rep maintain her/ his NO to SB 936 position and any reconsideration by Speaker Turzai and the House to vote again on SB 936
4. THANK your state Representative again for taking a courageous stand for injured workers and against efforts to have the Workers' Comp system intrude even further on the patient- doctor relationship.

IF your state representative voted YES on SB 936, PCA needs you to:

1. Request your state representative to rethink her/ his position, based on the compelling need to allow patients and their doctors to make health decisions (as opposed to insurance companies).
2. Remind her/ him that PCA and Pennsylvania's 4,000+ Doctors of Chiropractic are increasingly focused and organized AND closely watching this vote; also, PCA is working with many key interests, who stand to be directly and negatively impacted by SB 936 (firefighters, state police, first responders, laborers, teachers, health care providers).
3. Urge your state rep to support patients, rather than those profit-driven interest who want to make access to care less accessible AND more difficult for injured workers.

As PCA learns more about the status of and political manipulations occurring with SB 936, we promise that you'll know when we know.

Thank you again for taking a strong stand for your patients, Pennsylvania's injured employees and the sacred patient- doctor relationship.