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Hi Meredith,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft opioid utilization rules for workers' compensation. They are well written and we hope they are successful in stemming the tide of opioid abuse. We support your efforts.

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Dear Mr. White, Dr. Parker, and Ms. Ward,

Please find below an announcement that was posted on our website on the North Carolina Industrial Commission's website on November 17, 2017. The Industrial Commission is seeking preliminary public feedback on draft opioid utilization rules prior to any rulemaking. As many dentists provide care to injured workers, I wanted to make sure your organizations received notice of the draft rules and opportunity to comment. Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Notice of Draft Rules for the Utilization of Opioids and Pain Management
in Workers' Compensation Claims for Preliminary Public Comment**

In February 2017, Chairman Charlton L. Allen established the North Carolina Workers' Compensation Opioid Task Force to study and recommend solutions for the problems arising from the intersection of the opioid epidemic and related issues in workers' compensation claims. After several months of research and collaboration, the Workers' Compensation Opioid Task Force has developed draft utilization rules for opioids, related prescriptions, and pain management treatment in workers' compensation claims. The Commission is grateful to the members of the Workers' Compensation Opioid Task Force for their time commitment, hard work, and dedication to the groups' mission.

The Commission seeks preliminary public comment on the draft rules prior to initiating formal rulemaking. The public feedback will be considered prior to the official filing of proposed rules. The Commission has developed a PowerPoint presentation that provides an executive summary of the draft rules. The Commission strongly recommends reviewing both the [PowerPoint](#) and the [draft rules](#) before commenting. **Comments on the draft rules should be e-mailed no later than December 6, 2017**, to meredith.henderson@ic.nc.gov. Professional or other groups are encouraged to consolidate the comments of their members where possible. Questions may be e-mailed to meredith.henderson@ic.nc.gov.

Thank you,
Meredith Henderson



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