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From: Scott G. Kirby MD <Scott.Kirby@NCMEDBOARD.ORG>
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 1:10 PM
To: Henderson, Meredith
Subject: [External] RE: Draft opioid utilization rules for workers' compensation claims

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Ms. Henderson:

I do not believe draft rules for the utilization of opioids, related prescriptions, and pain management treatment in workers' compensation claims developed by the Workers' Compensation Opioid Task Force, as referenced in your email, are in conflict with Medical Board policy.

Scott.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Henderson, Meredith [mailto:Meredith.Henderson@ic.nc.gov]
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 5:21 PM
To: Scott G. Kirby MD
Subject: Draft opioid utilization rules for workers' compensation claims

Hi Dr. Kirby,

We finally have draft rules put together and ready for preliminary public comment. Please see the Executive Summary PowerPoint and the draft rules. I emphasize that these are draft rules developed by the Workers' Compensation Opioid Task Force. The Industrial Commission is not at the stage of rulemaking yet as we are seeking public feedback prior to officially proposing any rules. We hope that the NC Medical Board will review the draft rules and advise of any feedback by December 6. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or to discuss.

Thank you for the assistance you provided us early in the process.

Thank you,

Meredith Henderson

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