



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 584 without my signature.

This bill would require that the physician conducting utilization review of requests for medical treatment in Workers Compensation claims be licensed in California.

This requirement of using only California-licensed physicians to conduct utilization review in Workers Compensation cases would be an abrupt change and inconsistent with the manner in which utilization review is conducted by health care service plans under the Knox-Keene Act and by those regulated by the California Department of Insurance.

I am not convinced that establishing a separate standard for Workers Compensation utilization review makes sense.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.