

April 24, 2025

MR. BERNARD ROSAUER
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Dear Mr. Rosauer:

This letter is in response to your letter of March 10, 2025 regarding Milliman's analysis of the minimum permanent partial disability (PPD) ratings contained in the proposed amendments to s. DWD 80.32 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code and statements that were made about that analysis by a Worker's Compensation staff member, Frank Salvi, at the February 11, 2025 Worker's Compensation Advisory Council (WCAC) meeting. Also, I want to acknowledge receipt of Milliman's March 6, 2025 letter regarding their analysis of the impact of the proposed amendments following that WCAC meeting.

I would like to clarify that Mr. Salvi's statements at the February 11th WCAC meeting were not representative of the Worker's Compensation Division (WCD). WCD's position is that the proposed minimum ratings, including the 2% for disc herniations, are mandatory minimum ratings, and do not require additional element of disability. Any statement to the contrary does not reflect the position of the WCD. Therefore, it remains the position of WCD that the Milliman report dated November 12, 2024, accurately incorporates the information provided by the WCD.

It is of vital importance for the WCD to maintain a positive working relationship and a high degree of trust and collaboration with the Wisconsin Compensation Rating Bureau (WCRB) and its other stakeholders for the continued success of the worker's compensation system in Wisconsin.

As always, we are committed to clear and open communication with you about topics that relate to the WCRB.

Sincerely,



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