

again indicate that I do support the Abboud amendment that we have before us now.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Landis, on the Abboud amendment. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I had a chance to look at the Abboud amendment. I think it's a reasonable and appropriate response. I think many of the suggestions that have been incorporated by members on the floor are adopted here. There is a phrase that Senator Abboud needs to clarify for me to make sure that my understanding of what he's doing and what I think he's doing are the same.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR LANDIS: And let me tell you what that is, thank you, Mr. Speaker, for recognized Senator Abboud for this line of questioning. Chris, critical to your amendment is the point that if compensability is denied by the employer, basically, that is to say the insurance company, the risk pool, the self-manager, that if the employee has been denied compensability, they can go out and select another doctor, they don't have to enter the managed care plan.

SENATOR ABOUD: Right.

SENATOR LANDIS: So that term "denial of compensability",...

SENATOR ABOUD: Uh-huh.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...needs to be pretty clearly understood between the two of us.

SENATOR ABOUD: Right.

SENATOR LANDIS: If an...if an employee comes and says, look, I've been injured and I want recovery, and the employer says, no, no recovery, there was no accident, is that a denial of compensability? Because I think it would be. That...

SENATOR ABOUD: Right, it is.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...that would be...