

specific denial in a formal pleading as in response to a petition filed in workers' compensation court.

SENATOR LANDIS: And I, too, agree with that analysis. Are we talking about denial by a middle level manager, or are we talking about denial by the insurance company, the risk management pool or the self-insured employer, which...

SENATOR HALL: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: Can I renew my light here.

SENATOR HALL: You can. Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Vrtiska, you're light is next.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Abboud, I would like to ask you a question.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Abboud, if you would respond.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, I will.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I was just reading your amendment. I was trying to wonder why the managed care plan was taken out and what your...I just wanted...I was just curious what your reason was for taking that part...eliminating that part of the program.

SENATOR ABOUD: Well, the...as you remember, the managed care is a portion of the bill, and if an individual is denied compensability then that individual would not be under the managed care plan.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Only if...

SENATOR ABOUD: If there's a denial of compensability as well as...it's in Section 2 of the provision, of the amendment, on page 2551, lines 10 through 23 is the section dealing with the specific language as to denial of compensability section. It's actually a two-part section but that's...that was the basis of the conversation that I was having with Senator Landis, and that would be if a person...managed care would fit within the confines of physician choice, if that makes sense. Denial of compensability, I assume is you're talking about the discussion we just had with Senator Landis, denial of compensability would mean that they would not have to go to a specific physician as