Coalition to PROTECT Worker's Compensation

The Wisconsin Legislature is considering a bill that would impose a fee schedule on hospitals, physicians, chiropractors, physical therapists, and other practitioners providing Worker's Compensation care to injured workers. The legislature has never considered mandating artificial rates between private payers and providers in the more than 100-year-old program.

The organizations below, representing some of the highest quality health care in the country, ask you to *oppose* this unprecedented and damaging proposal.

Advanced Pain Management
we know your pain

Mayo Clinic Health System

WCA
Wisconsin Chiropractic Association
Serving Wisconsin's health care needs since 1911

Affinity Health System

Medical College of Wisconsin

WDA
Wisconsin Dental Association

ASPIRUS
Passion for excellence. Compassion for people.

Ministry Health Care

Association of Wisconsin Surgery Centers, Inc.
WISCA

RWHC
Your partner. Your source.

WHA
A Valued Voice

Aurora Health Care

SSM Health Care Wisconsin

Medical Group Management Association
MGMA
Wisconsin
A State Affiliate

Columbia St. Mary's
A Passion for Patient Care

Froedtert & Medical College of Wisconsin

ThedaCare

Wisconsin Medical Society

GUNDERSEN HEALTH SYSTEM

UW Health

WNA
Wisconsin Nurses Association

Hospital Sisters Health System

Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare

Marshfield Clinic
Don't just live. Shine.

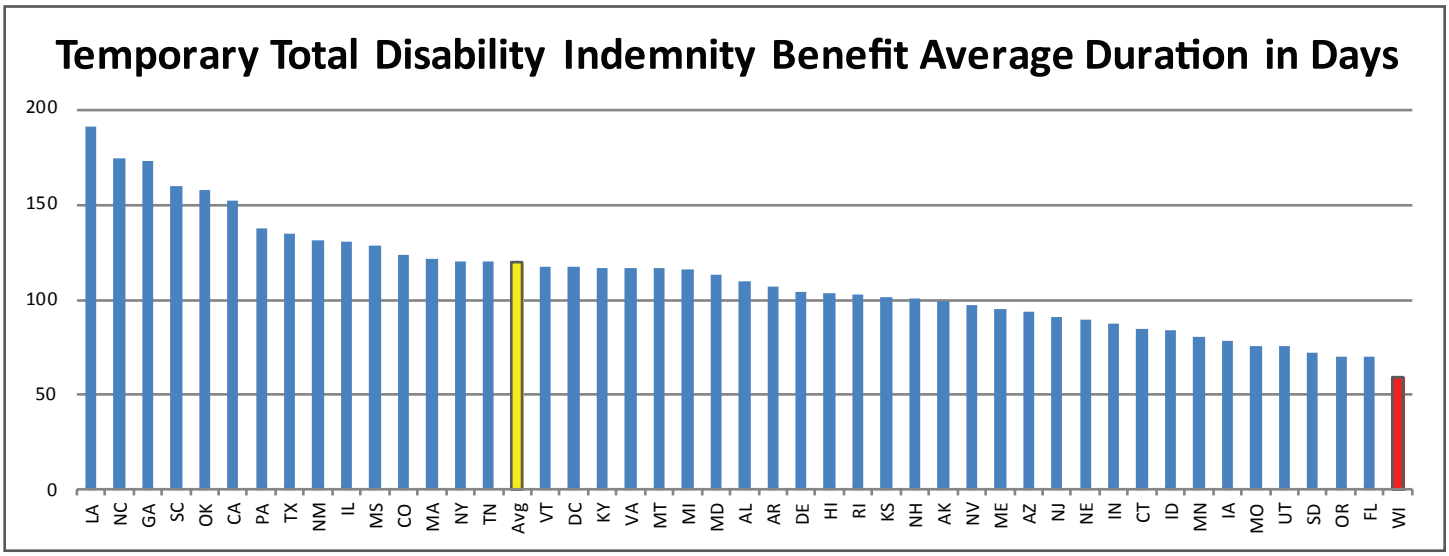
Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians
Strong Medicine for Wisconsin

WPTA
Wisconsin Physical Therapy Association

The Facts

Studies show that Wisconsin has one of the best Worker's Compensation systems in the nation – primarily due to the high quality health care that's provided:

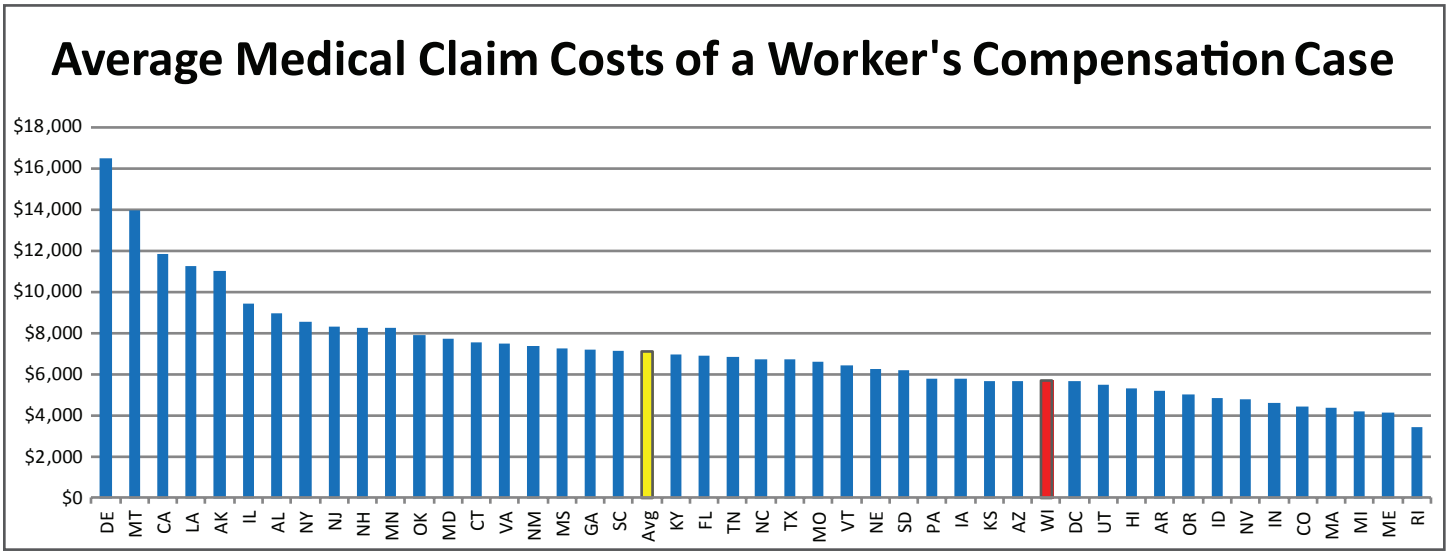
- Wisconsin injured workers are highly satisfied with the health care they receive through our Worker's Compensation system. This satisfaction results in a very low level of "lawyering up" after an injury on the job. A low litigation rate means a Wisconsin employer has a productive, satisfied employee back on the job following an injury sooner than the national average – a full three weeks faster than the average state.



Source: NCCI Research Brief (August 2013, Table 3), published by the National Council on Compensation Insurance, Inc. (NCCI).

- Wisconsin's health care system delivers care efficiently, with fewer visits required per claim and fewer services per visit.

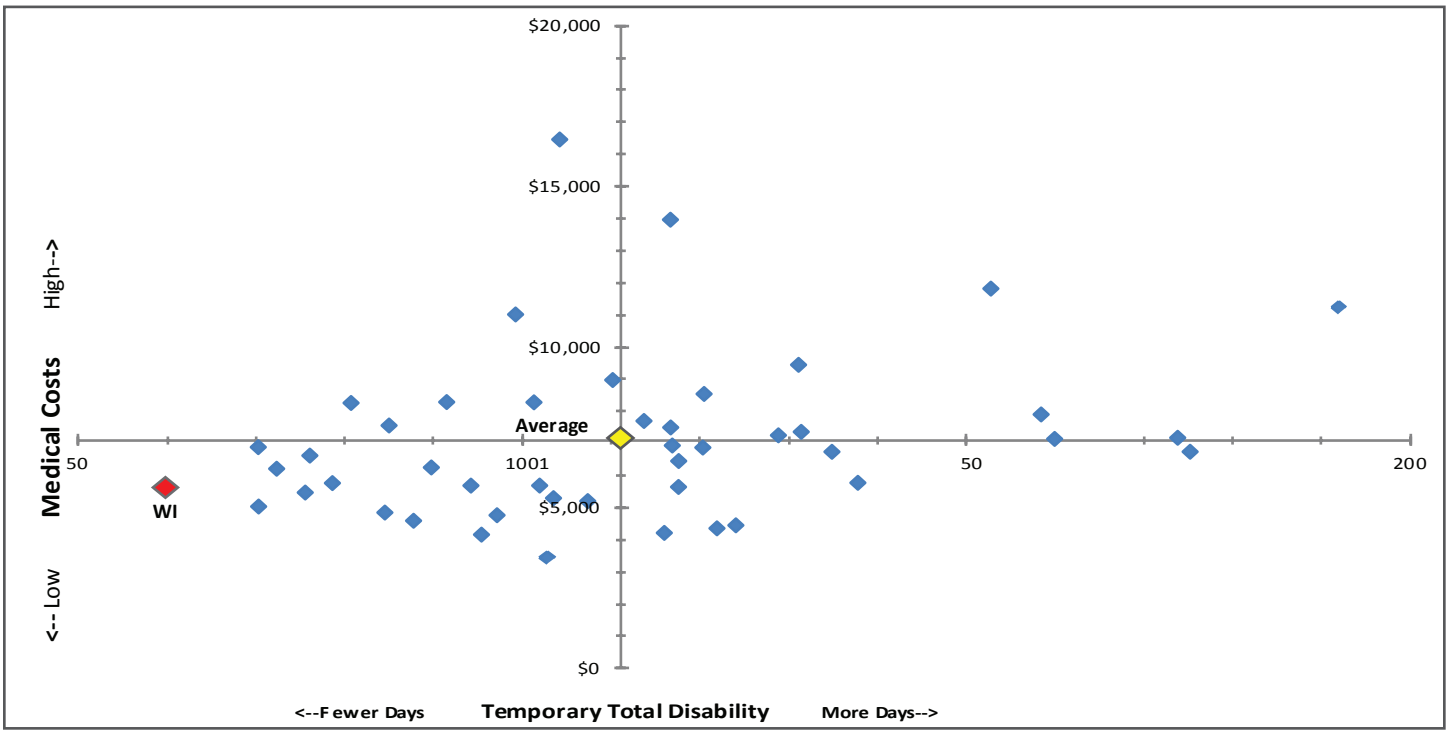
- Efficiently delivered care results in lower costs. The cost of the medical portion of a Worker's Compensation-related claim is well below the national average (and lower than our neighbors in Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota).



Source: Annual Statistical Bulletins (2010-2012, Exhibit XI), National Council on Compensation Insurance, Inc. (NCCI).

Bottom Line

Wisconsin's current Worker's Compensation system results in fantastic health care outcomes, promoting healthier workers satisfied with the system at a more competitive cost than most of the country. It is one of the many reasons to locate and grow a business in Wisconsin.



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The Threat

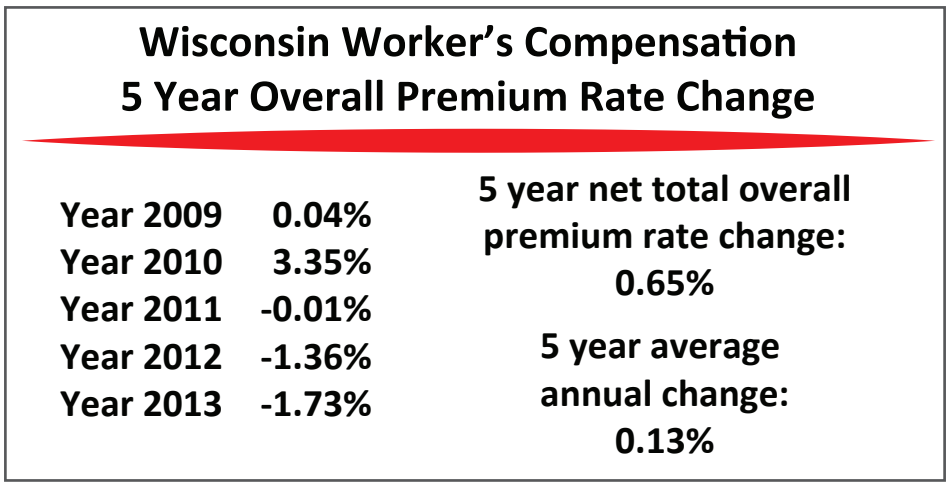
Government-set price controls do not promote efficiency, improve quality, or encourage better-coordinated care. In fact, fee schedules work against value-based health care. Worker's Compensation care requires many more administrative and procedural headaches than other health care areas. Fee schedules do nothing to reduce these unnecessary costs.

Message to Legislators/Governor

- The Worker's Compensation system is more administratively difficult and time-consuming than other insurance systems and much more so than group health.
- An artificial fee schedule is a risky gamble for a very successful Worker's Compensation system; it could ruin what is a national model.

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- Wisconsin's Worker's Compensation system is a success story: injured employees have ready access to high-quality health care; insurance rates businesses pay for WC insurance have actually decreased each of the last three years.



Source: DWD PowerPoint Presentation to Joint Informational Hearing, July 31, 2013.

- Wisconsin businesses and insurers should work to reduce costs by improving worker safety (Wisconsin has a higher injury rate than most other states) and with, rather than against, the area of Worker's Compensation that is performing successfully - health care - to improve the system.

Table D Ranking by Claim Frequency per 100,000 Workers Using Rating Bureau Information, Average of Policy Years 2006-2008

State	Average Claim Frequency 3-Year Average
Nevada	6.495
Montana	6.493
Maine	6.491
Idaho	6.189
Oregon	5.750
Wisconsin	5.586
Pennsylvania	5.551
South Dakota	5.513
Massachusetts	3.260
Texas	3.112
Virginia	2.918
Louisiana	2.907
Maryland	2.905
New York	2.614
District of Columbia	1.294

Source: Annual Statistical Bulletins (2010-2012, Exhibit XII), National Council on Compensation Insurance, Inc. (NCCI).