



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 127 without my signature.

This bill would require the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation, in order to keep the Official Medical Fee Schedule for physician services appropriately updated, to annually adopt the Current Procedural Terminology codes, descriptors, and modifiers published by the American Medical Association.

Updating these codes without updating other components of the fee schedule, such as the relative values and conversion factors, would produce neither a more efficient nor accurate physician fee schedule. The bill is a piecemeal approach which would lead to additional costs and increased disputes. It also would detract from updating the fee schedule in its entirety which the Division of Workers' Compensation is currently doing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.