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The Honorable Margaret W. Hassan, Governor
The Honorable Charles Morse, President of the Senate
The Honorable Shawn Jasper, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Andy Sanborn, Chairman, Senate Health Committee.
The Honorable Frank Kotowski, Chairman, House Health Committee

Re: Report on Workers Compensation Medical Claims Data
Required by RSA 412:37b, 2015 Senate Bill 133

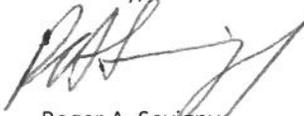
Dear Governor and Legislators:

During its 2015 session, New Hampshire's state Legislature charged the Insurance Department with identifying options for comparing WC medical data to health care claims data from the NH Comprehensive Healthcare Information System (CHIS). The legislature tasked the NHID with presenting clear recommendations for collecting WC data to guide the state's efforts to address the high costs of WC medical payments, to drive decreased costs, and to increase transparency.

To fulfill the Legislature's charge, the NHID engaged Freedman HealthCare (FHC) to speak with stakeholders and identify a range of options for collecting WC medical data. FHC conducted stakeholder engagement activities with WC payers and other stakeholders to understand the state's current WC landscape and perceptions on future data collection strategies, and researched WC medical data collection efforts in other states to identify potential options for New Hampshire.

This report summarizes the findings from FHC's research and stakeholder engagement activities, and presents an analysis of five options – ranging in complexity and feasibility – for collecting WC medical data and comparing it to the health insurance data currently collected in NH CHIS. The report concludes with FHC's recommendation to the state for moving forward.

The final recommendation involves leveraging existing data collection efforts by the NCCI in the short term, and expanding data collection efforts to self-insureds in the longer term. These efforts would require additional legislation and funding as discussed in the report. I concur with the recommendations in the report and am available to discuss the information presented and answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Roger A. Sevigny

cc: William Infantine, Chairman, House Labor Committee
Russell Prescott, Chairman, Senate Commerce Committee