

# ASSEMBLY LABOR COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 2652**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 14, 2012

The Assembly Labor Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2652.

This bill, as amended, prohibits the charging of workers' compensation claimants for medical expenses that have been authorized by the employer, its carrier or third party administrator, that have been paid by the employer, its carrier or third party administrator pursuant to the workers' compensation law, or which have been determined by the Division of Workers' Compensation to be the responsibility of the employer, its carrier or third party administrator.

The bill, as amended, gives the division sole jurisdiction over disputed work-related medical claims, and directs the division to provide procedures to resolve those disputes.

Finally, the bill provides that the treatment of an injured worker or the payment of workers' compensation to an injured worker or dependent of an injured or deceased worker shall not be delayed because of a claim by a medical provider.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee adopted amendments that delete a portion of the bill's amendatory language referring to procedural requirements to be developed by the division. The deletion of this language ensures that the procedural requirements currently in place will remain unchanged.