

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All House Members  
**FROM:** Representative Camille "Bud" George  
**DATE:** September 26, 2012  
**RE:** Highmark, Inc. Physical Medicine Management Program

### **NO HARD COPY WILL FOLLOW**

I soon will be introducing a resolution urging Highmark, Inc. to rescind its use of the Physical Medicine Management Program to determine whether a patient is eligible to receive treatment from a physical or occupational therapist or chiropractor.

In September, Highmark began requiring preauthorization for these services after the eighth visit in a calendar year. After the eighth visit, Highmark now uses a computer algorithm, the Physical Medicine Management Program, to determine treatment eligibility.

I believe that the prompt relief afforded by physical or occupational therapy and chiropractic services is invaluable and continued access to these services will save patients countless dollars in unnecessary medical bills. Furthermore, we should allow doctors and other medical professionals to determine the best treatment for patients, not a computer program.

If you wish to co-sponsor this legislation or have any questions, please contact my office by phone at 717 787-7316 or by e-mail at [cgeorge@pahouse.net](mailto:cgeorge@pahouse.net).

Thank you for your consideration.