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The AMA (WA) believes it is critical that there is an effective compensation scheme in place to support and manage those that have suffered a compensable injury in their workplace.

WorkCover WA must facilitate expeditious delivery of healthcare and support services to ensure maximum opportunity for rehabilitation, noting these patients often have more complex aftercare requirements and would place a significant burden on the public hospital system, were they to be managed there.

Remuneration for managing these patients should recognise the additional complexity of these patients to ensure early return to work and minimise lost time to injury.

With reference to Implementation Consultation Papers 24 to 27, the AMA (WA) considers proposed fees and implementation of the multiple operations rules, as a disincentive to medical practitioners managing WorkCover WA patients, which will have a deleterious impact on the WA's WorkCover system and the care and management of patients with workplace acquired injuries.

While the AMA (WA) acknowledges that the AMA Fees List could serve as reference, it should not be implemented to the detriment of current billing practices, that have enabled WA's WorkCover scheme to support the delivery of the required complex patient care and aftercare services.

AMA (WA) Private Practice Chair Dr Brigid Corrigan and I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue with you further.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bennie Ng'.

Dr Bennie Ng
Chief Executive Officer