

ASSEMBLY LABOR COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4832

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 16, 2023

The Assembly Labor Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4832 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill establishes parity in workers' compensation fees between evaluating physicians of claimants for a written opinion regarding the need for medical treatment or providing an estimation of permanent disability. The bill sets the maximum fees of evaluating physicians for claimants for the written reports at \$1,000. The maximum fee of \$1,000 represents an increase of \$400 over the current maximum of \$600, in the case of a claimant's evaluating physician.

As amended, the bill provides that a psychologist, nurse practitioner, or licensed clinical social worker who provides psychological treatment may be paid a fee for a report or testimony concerning that provider's course of treatment of the injured worker in that provider's role as a provider of treatment as permitted by law.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to provide that a psychologist, nurse practitioner, or licensed clinical social worker who provides psychological treatment may be paid a fee for a report or testimony concerning that provider's course of treatment of the injured worker in that provider's role as a provider of treatment as permitted by law.

The amendment adopted by committee makes this bill identical to Senate No. 3309 of the 2022-2023 Legislative Session.