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Lewkovich: Justifying Care over 90 Days Post Injury

17 Key Factors

1. Do your records show significant pain but some improvement?
2. Are records clear?-They will be copied.
3. Signs of attempted reduced care.
4. Evidence of reduced passive care.
5. Proof of active care exercise program.
6. Is patient complying with treatment program: missed appointments?
7. Are all gaps in care explained?
8. Periodic documented re-evals.
9. Flare-ups carefully explained.
10. Complicating factors clearly stated.
11. Proof of home exercise program.
12. Other types of treatment tried?
13. Change of modalities used?
14. Referral to specialist, who recommends additional chiropractic care.
15. Special MRI tests showing objectives.
16. Age of patient is a big factor.
17. Pre-existing history significantly slowing recovery.

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Free Monthly Teleconference
Wednesday, March 31 @ 1:00 pm

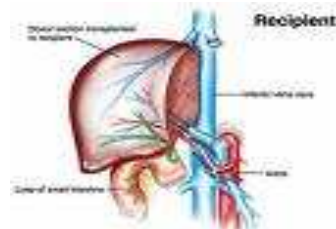
The Political Future of P.I.

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Anthem BLUE CROSS Liable in Transplant Case

A Los Angeles Jury order Anthem Blue Cross to reimburse, Ephram Nehme, his out of pocket costs when he opted to pay for a liver transplant in Indiana that was only a 6 week wait.



Nehme, a produce merchant from the San Fernando Valley, was told by Blue Cross he could only get a transplant in California. He asked if Anthem's holding company, WellPoint, Inc. would permit him faster service in Indiana. Nehme's UCLA doctor recommended that Nehme go to Indiana rather than wait for 2 years in California. Blue Cross denied the "out of network" service.

Nehme paid over \$200,000 for his liver. Then he sued Blue Cross. The jury ignored the Blue Cross's contract and ordered Nehme to be reimbursed. Plus, Nehme's attorney will get substantial attorney fees.

The real importance is that unfair restrictions on life saving services, are severely limited for Blue Cross.

Nehme vs. Anthem Blue Cross, LA Superior Court, Judge Kenneth Freeman.

IMPLICATIONS FOR YOUR PRACTICE?

- Blue Cross faces hostile juries for denial of life saving services;
- How long can Blue Cross withhold vital DC services;
- Costs of Blue Cross have to increase.