

HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

Date: May 1, 1998

Bill Subject: Health Quality Assurance; Background Screening

Prepared By: Senate Committee on Health Care

I. Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment #830563 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment 1

This amendment defines the term “medical case manager” for purposes of the managed care workers' compensation law. Under this definition a qualified rehabilitation provider, as defined under the workers' compensation law, or a licensed registered nurse would be deemed to be a medical case manager so long as they act under the supervision of a medical case coordinator. The amendment is an attempt to allow non-medical personnel to become medical case managers for workers' compensation and would lower the standards needed for a case manager by not requiring a medical background or medical experience for *all* medical case managers. This could result in a lesser quality of patient care.