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Re: Rule requiring insurance companies to provide notice to third-party claimants of the payment of a settlement.

Mr. Tompkins:

This requirement appears in direct conflict with ethical requirements for contacting a represented party/a claimant represented by counsel.

What provision in the new rule would address this?

Also as to policies allowing an insurer to pay medical payments to a third party claimant who is represented, would the same be required? This is not really a "settlement" as benefits if incurred are owed directly the claimant. Medical payments often occurs early in the claim and can be prior to litigation although the claimant may still be represented by counsel.

Thank you for consideration of these concerns.

Cordially,

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