

Pennsylvania Supreme Court Eliminates Future Credit for Medical Benefits in Workers' Compensation Third Party Settlements

The recent Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision of *Witmoyer v. WCAB (Mountain Country Meats)* directly affects workers' compensation insurers seeking to reduce their future liabilities by utilizing a time-honored practice of taking a future credit against medical benefits. There are, however, still ways an insurer can limit its future exposure through subrogation.

In *Whitmoyer*, the Supreme Court held that an insurer's right to a future credit on workers' compensation payments after the settlement of a third party case applies only to indemnity payments, not medical benefits.

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