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Legislative Counsel Office
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Re: Amendments to the Workers Compensation Act - Automatic Coverage for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

I believe the Bill should also include the following presumptive benefits to, or in the regulations to if they are not already, the following professions, who could also be considered to work on the front-line or in emergency-response situations:

- **Doctors** - Many doctors, especially ER doctors, are exposed to traumatic incidents and deal with traumatic events treating their patients and throughout their careers.
- **Psychiatrists** - Many Psychiatrists, are exposed to traumatic incidents and deal with traumatic events treating their patients and throughout their careers.
- **Psychologists** - Many Psychologists, are exposed to traumatic incidents and deal with traumatic events treating their clients and throughout their careers.
- **Social Workers** – Many social workers (ER , Hospital, Child Protection, Adult Protection, Correctional) are exposed to traumatic incidents and deal with traumatic events with clients and throughout their careers.

I believe that these professions should also be included due to the accumulative affect repeated exposure to traumatic events can have on a person and their mental well-being .

Sincerely,

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