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January 31, 2010

Dear Employees:

On behalf of the Board of Luzerne County Commissioners, I am taking this opportunity to inform you that the majority of the provision of the Workers Compensation Reform Act became effective on August 23, 1996.

From your point of view the two most important sections may be those relating to the new "Six Health Care Provider" Rule found in Section 306 (f) and the Fraud provisions found in Chapter 11.

These provisions apply to all parties involved in a workers compensation claim including the employer, the employee, health care providers and the attorneys.

So please, make sure you or your counsel or physician take a position on your claim or submit a bill, all information submitted to the County, the County's claims administrator, etc. is truthful and contains no false, incomplete, or misleading information.

RULE IMMEDIATELY (SEE ATTACHED LIST)

Under this rule you must:

1. “Visit and continue to visit” as required with one of our designated health care providers for 90 days from the date of the first visit.

If you do not “visit and continue to visit” for the designated period with one of the County’s designated health care providers, the County does not have to pay for other treatment you may receive during the period.

2. After the 90 day period, you may choose to treat with your own health care Provider and the County must pay for the treatment so long as you notify us within five (5) days of the first visit with this health care provider and the treatment is deemed to be reasonable and necessary.

It should be noted that if surgery is necessary, you have the right to a second opinion. Under this section of the new Act you must acknowledge that we have notified you of your rights and duties. Therefore, please sign your copy of this letter below and return it to your supervisor when applicable; or return a signed copy of this letter to the Human Resource Office.

If you have any questions on the above, please feel free to contact the Human Resource Office, who is responsible for the overall internal management of the program.

EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATION

May 15, 2008

EMPLOYEE DEPARTMENT

Employee Signature (Print and Sign)

Print Name

Employee Signature

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**Luzerne County
Self-Insured Workers' Compensation
Panel of Physicians List**

WHEN YOU ARE INJURED AT WORK

You Must Select a Physician from the following list for the first 90 days under Workers' Compensation Act

Emergency Care Or After Business Hours	*Wilkes-Barre General Hospital ER North River Street Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 (570) 552-1000	*Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre 25 Church Street Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 (570) 826-3175	
Occupational Medicine	MidState Occupational Health Services Medical Arts Center 150 Mundy Street Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 (570) 970-2300		
Imaging Radiology Center	Vision Imaging of Kingston 517 Pierce Street Kingston, PA 18704 (570) 714-7226	Valley Open MRI & Diagnostic Center 461 Third Avenue Wilkes-Barre, PA 18704 (570) 283-0528	Wilkes-Barre Imaging Center 146 Mundy Street Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 (570) 824-9242
Orthopedic Surgery	Orthopedics Consultants of Wyoming Valley 390 Pierce Street Kingston, PA 18704 (570) 288-3535	Dr. Frank O'Brien Dr. William Charlton Dr. James Mattucci	
Physical Therapy	Gem Therapeutics 504 Hazle Street Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 (570) 270-4366	Gem Therapeutics 119 S. Main Road Mountaintop, PA 18707 (570) 474-6210	Gem Therapeutics 27 Main Street Dallas, PA 18612 (570) 674-2659
	Pinnacle Rehabilitation Assoc. 480 Pierce Street Kingston, PA 18704 (570) 714-6460 (570) 714-6460	Northeast Physical Therapy 216 N. River Street Suite 101 Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 (570) 825-9722	
Chiropractics	McGovern Chiro & Wellness 302 Wilkes-Barre Twp. Blvd. Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703 (570) 970-8999	Cohen Hayden Chiro Clinic 417 Market Street Kingston, PA 18704 (570) 283-1011	Lewis Chiropractic 9 Alta Road Hanover Twp. PA 18706 (570) 820-8220
	Advanced Chiropractic Clinic 3002 N. Township Blvd. Pittston Township, PA 18640 (570) 602-1590	Colella Chiro Clinic 200 Wyoming Avenue West Pittston, PA 18643 (570) 883-2220	
Ophthalmology	Eye Care Specialist, P.C. 703 Rutter Avenue Kingston, PA 18704 (570) 288-7405		

***After Treatment with one of the Emergency Medical Facilities you must be seen the following day by one of the Listed Panel of Physicians listed above under the Workers' Compensation Act for the first 90 days.**

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011