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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**

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**Employee Signature (Print and Sign)**

**Print Name**

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**Employee Signature**

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**LUZERNE COUNTY  
SELF-INSURED WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
PANEL OF PHYSICIANS LIST  
Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008**

**Pro Rehabilitation Services**  
1086 Highway 315  
Plaza 315  
Plains, PA 18702  
(570) 823-7761  
*Physical & Occupational Therapy*

**Michael Fath, D.O.**  
618 Wyoming Avenue  
Kingston, PA 18704  
(570) 283-9063  
*Internal Medicine*

**W-B General Hospital, ER**  
North River Street  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702  
(570) 552-1000  
*Emergency Service or  
after Business Hours*

**Pro Rehabilitation Services**  
87 Oxford Street  
Oxford Health Center  
Hanover Township, PA 18706  
(570) 823-3909  
*Physical & Occupational Therapy*

**Eugene Gorski, M.D.**  
19 Banks Avenue  
Sugarloaf, PA 18249  
(570) 788-5104  
*Internal Medicine*

**Malcolm L. Conway, D.C.**  
1150 Wyoming Avenue Suite 500  
Wyoming, PA 18644  
(570) 287-7070  
*Chiropractic*

**Pro Rehabilitation Services**  
106 Rotary Drive  
Valmont Industrial Park  
West Hazleton, PA 18202  
(570) 459-6333  
*Physical & Occupational Therapy*

**Sports Medicine/  
Bone & Joint**  
Michael P. Banas, M.D.  
Thomas W. Byron, M.D.  
Eugene D. Kim, M.D.  
220 S. River Street  
Plains, PA 18705  
*Orthopedics*

**Jan McGovern, D.C.**  
Route 309  
302 Wilkes-Barre Twp. Blvd.  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703  
(570) 970-8999  
*Chiropractic*

**Pro Rehabilitation Services**  
3356 Birney Avenue  
Birney Mall  
Moosic, PA 18507  
(570) 347-7790  
*Physical & Occupational Therapy*

**Mid-State Occupational  
Health Services, Inc.**  
150 Mundy Street  
Medical Arts Center 1  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702  
(570) 970-2300  
*Occupational Medicine*

**Physical Therapy Associates**  
501 S. Main Street  
Old Forge, PA 18518  
(570) 457-4099  
*Physical Therapy*

**Northeast Physical Therapy**  
216 N. River Street, Suite 101  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702  
(570) 825-9722  
Fax: 570-825-9723  
*Physical Therapy*