



# MEDICAL UNIT NEWSLETTER

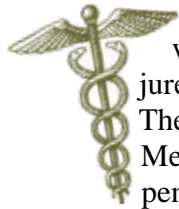
## February 2012

State of Nevada  
Division of Industrial Relations

Department of Business & Industry  
Workers' Compensation Section

### Clarifying New MFS and C-4 Completion Requirements

Warm wishes from the Division of Industrial Relations Workers' Compensation Section, Medical Unit to all of our medical providers, PPD raters, insurers and third-party administrators who provide assistance to Nevada's injured employees.



The Medical Unit has updated the Nevada Medical Fee Schedule for workers' compensation is effective February 1, 2012.

Every year the WCS Medical Unit reviews and updates the Medical Fee Schedule, not only for pricing updates, but also to clarify any language that may be confusing to the entities who implement the fee schedule for bill processing.

The section entitled "General Information" on page six and seven, has been updated. Paragraph two on page seven, was previously understood, by many, to indicate that only a hospital was required to submit medical reporting within 14 days of discharge from the hospital. However, the language of the paragraph has always indicated "a provider of health care shall, within 14 days after the date on which services were rendered or the injured employee is discharged from the hospital..." Clearly, all health care providers (including hospitals) are required to submit medical reporting within the 14 days allotted, unless good cause is shown.

Another workers' compensation challenge we would like to clarify in this newsletter is the issue of incomplete C-4 Forms. [NRS 616C.040](#) indicates, in part:

"Except as otherwise provided in this section, a treating physician or chiropractor shall, within 3 working days after first providing treatment to an injured employee for a particular injury, complete and file a claim for compensation with the employer of the injured employee and the employer's insurer. If the employer is a self-insured employer, the treating physician or chiropractor shall file the claim for compensation with the employer's third-party administrator."

Failure to complete and file the form may result in administrative action by DIR, which may include a fine of up to \$1,000. A physician or chiropractor who fails to complete, sign and send the form within the 3 days allotted, can cause a delay in benefits to the injured employee.

The completed C-4 Form is needed to initiate a workers' compensation claim, which includes timely claims acceptance with the administration of benefits or a claim denial with appeal rights. The role of the WCS Medical Unit in this process is to investigate complaints received regarding this issue, and if warranted, to initiate administrative action should a violation occur. A complaint should be filed with the WCS Medical Unit if C-4 Forms are received late, unsigned, or incomplete. However, it is not the role of the WCS Medical Unit to obtain signatures or facilitate completion of the C-4 Form, as this activity is part of claims management and is performed by the third-party administrator and/or insurer.

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**WCS Medical Information Webpage:**  
<http://dirweb.state.nv.us/WCS/medical.htm>

### WCS to Host Free 2012 MFS Training

There is a WCS Medical Fee Schedule Forum scheduled for Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 1:30 pm in the Henderson office. To register for this session, please contact Terry Simi at [tsimi@business.nv.gov](mailto:tsimi@business.nv.gov) or 702 486-9019.

To receive e-mail notifications of upcoming trainings register on-line at <http://dirweb.state.nv.us/WCS/wcs.htm>

#### Fourth Quarter Statistics

##### PPD Assignments

Southern	896
Northern	384
Total	1280
<b>Active PPD - Raters</b>	
Total	138