

A Guide for Workers Recently Hurt on the Job

How do I file a claim?

- Notify your employer about your job-related injury or illness as soon as possible.
- Ask your employer to give you **Form 801, "Report of Job Injury or Illness,"** and complete Form 801.
- Ask your employer the name of its workers' compensation insurer.
- Get medical treatment from a health care provider **of your choice** and tell your provider that you were injured on the job. Your employer cannot choose your health care provider for you.
- Your health care provider should ask you to complete **Form 827, "Worker's and Physician's Report for Workers' Compensation Claims."**

How do I get medical treatment?

- You may receive medical treatment from the health care provider **of your choice**, including:
 - Authorized nurse practitioners
 - Chiropractors
 - Medical doctors
 - Naturopaths
 - Oral surgeons
 - Osteopathic doctors
 - Physician assistants
 - Podiatrists
 - Other health care providers
- The insurance company may enroll you in a managed care organization at any time. If it does, you will receive more information about your medical treatment options.

If I can't work, will I receive payments for lost wages?

- You may be unable to work due to your job-related injury or illness. In order for you to receive payments for time off work, your health care provider must send written authorization to the insurer.
- Generally, you will not be paid for the first three calendar days for time off work.
- You may be paid for lost wages for the first three calendar days if you are off work for 14 consecutive days or hospitalized overnight.
- If your claim is denied within the first 14 days, you will not be paid for any lost wages.
- Keep your employer informed about what is going on and cooperate with efforts to return you to a modified or light duty job.

What if I have questions about my claim?

- The insurance company or your employer should be able to answer your questions.
- You may also call any of the numbers below:

Ombudsman for Injured Workers:
An advocate for injured workers
Toll-free: (800) 927-1271
E-mail: oiw.questions@state.or.us

Workers' Compensation Infoline:
Benefit Consultants
Toll-free: (800) 452-0288
E-mail: workcomp.questions@state.or.us

- **Health care providers may be *limited* in how long they may treat you and whether they may authorize payments for time off work.** Check with your health care provider about any limitations that may apply.
- **If your claim is denied, you may have to pay for your medical treatment.**