

# INTER-COMMUNICATION

**STATE**  
COMPENSATION  
INSURANCE  
**FUND**

DATE **February 14, 2005**

POLICY NO.

CLAIM NO.

TO ALL DISTRICT OFFICES  
(DEPT. or D.O.)

INJURED

ATTN CLAIMS MANAGERS

EMPLOYER

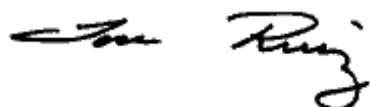
FROM CLAIMS/REHABILITATION  
(DEPT. or D.O.)

SUBJECT **Chiropractor as PTP**

A chiropractic practitioner is allowed to be designated as a primary treating physician regardless of whether the injured employee is covered under State Fund's MPN. Pursuant to Labor Code section 3209.3(a), a physician is defined to include chiropractic practitioners. In addition, Labor Code section 4616.3(b) provides that "the employer shall notify the employee of his or her right to be treated by a physician of his or her choice after the first visit from the medical provider network..." According to the above statutes, an injured employee who is covered under the MPN may select a chiropractor for their primary treating physician after the initial medical treatment.

If any communication has been distributed from claims adjusters to injured employees that is contrary to this policy, the claims adjuster should immediately notify the injured employee to rectify the misstatement.

If you have any questions, please contact Helen Resalvo via email or at (415) 565-3352.



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