

INTER-COMMUNICATION

STATE
COMPENSATION
INSURANCE
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DATE **February 3, 2005**

TO ALL DISTRICT OFFICES INJURED
(DEPT. or D.O.)
ATTN CLAIMS MANAGERS EMPLOYER
FROM CLAIMS/REHABILITATION SUBJECT **MPN TRANSFER OF CARE POLICY**
(DEPT. or D.O.)

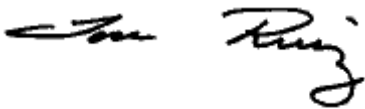
The attached Transfer of Care Policy supercedes State Fund's policy outlined in the November 2004 SB 899 Training Manual. The new policy has been approved by the Administrative Director (AD) and is the guideline to follow when considering a transfer of care from a non-MPN physician to a MPN physician.

As approved by the AD, transfer of care may be considered on a case-by-case basis for claims that existed prior to the implementation of State Fund's MPN where the claim meets one of the following criteria:

- Where the AD has found good cause to grant petition that the primary treating physician has failed to timely submit reports per Title 8, CCR §9785.
- Where the AD has found good cause to grant petition that the primary treating physician or facility is not within a reasonable geographic area per Title 8, CCR §9780.
- Where the WCAB finds that the current treatment by the non-MPN provider is inappropriate or that there is no present need for medical treatment to cure or relieve from the effects of the injury or illness.
- At the request of the injured covered employee.

The fact that an injured employee is receiving treatment from a chiropractor is not a criteria to initiate a transfer of care per State Fund's Transfer of Care Policy. If an injured employee is receiving treatment from any physician, including chiropractors, a transfer of care is appropriate only when one or more of the above four criteria are met.

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



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