

# **General Services Department Risk Management Division**

## **Workers' Compensation Bureau**

*Workers' compensation insurance for all state agencies, the larger Universities and some local public bodies.*

# 1990 Workers' Compensation Statutes -“New Law”-

- ◇ W.C Information posters must be posted at all work sites.
- ◇ Employers should provide training to all employees.
- ◇ First choice of medical provider – first [60] days.
- ◇ Future *reasonable and necessary* medical treatment for that injury remains open.
- ◇ Medical impairments to the injured body part(s) are set by statute.

# Filing a comp claim...

The image shows a 'WORK INJURY CLAIM FORM' on a wooden desk. The form has several fields: Name, Occupation, Address, Age, Location, Zip, Note your Idea, and Order. A black fountain pen is resting on the 'Note your Idea' field, a silver highlighter is on the top left, and a pair of black-rimmed glasses is on the top right. The text 'wiseGEEK' is visible in the bottom right corner of the image.

Name			
Occupation	Address	Age	
Note your Idea		Location	Zip
Order			

# The employee completes the N.O.A

## NOTICE OF ACCIDENT OR OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE DISABLEMENT NOTIFICACION DE ACCIDENTE O ENFERMEDAD DE OFICIO

In accordance with New Mexico law, Section 52-1-29, Section 52-3-19 and Section 52-1-49, NMSA 1978; NMAC 11.4.4.11  
Conforme a la Ley de la Compensación de los Trabajadores, Sección 52-1-29, Sección 52-3-19 y Sección 52-1-49, NMSA 1978; NMAC 11.4.4.11

I, \_\_\_\_\_, was involved in an on-the-job accident or was disabled  
Yo, (name of employee/hombre del empleado) me lastimé en un accidente en el trabajo o fui incapacitado  
by an occupational disease at approximately \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
por enfermedad de oficio aproximadamente (time/la(s) hora(s)) el (date/fecha) del 20\_\_\_\_  
Employee's social security number: \_\_\_\_\_ Where did the accident occur? \_\_\_\_\_  
Número de seguro social del empleado: ¿Dónde ocurrió el accidente?  
What happened? \_\_\_\_\_  
¿Qué ocurrió?

<p>To be completed by Employer: Completado por el empleador: If Yes, Employer has right to change health care provider after 60 days. En caso afirmativo, el empleador tiene derecho a cambiar al proveedor de atención médica después de 60 días. <b>WORKER MUST INITIAL</b></p>	<p>Worker will choose health care provider: Yes _____ No _____ Trabajador elegirá proveedor de atención médica: If No, Worker has the right to change health care provider after 60 days. En caso que no elija, el trabajador tiene derecho a cambiar al proveedor de atención médica después de 60 días. <b>INICIALES DEL TRABAJADOR</b></p>
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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed/Noticia Recibida: \_\_\_\_\_  
Firma: (employee/empleado) Firma/Notificación recibida: (employer or representative/empleador o representante)  
Date/Fecha: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Fecha: \_\_\_\_\_

ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF A LOSS OR BENEFIT OR KNOWINGLY PRESENTS FALSE INFORMATION IN AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO CIVIL, FINES AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

### PREVIOUS NOA FORMS ARE STILL VALID FOR USE

**Worker --**  
For emergency medical care, go to any emergency medical facility.

Workers and Employers with questions about workers' compensation may contact an Ombudsman at any New Mexico Workers' Compensation Administration office for information and assistance. The offices are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except holidays.

**Trabajador**  
Para emergencias médicas vaya a cualquier clínica / hospital.

Trabajadores y empleadores con preguntas acerca de la compensación de los trabajadores pueden comunicarse con un asesor ("ombudsman") a cualquier oficina de la Administración de la Compensación de los Trabajadores para información y asistencia. Las oficinas están abiertas desde las ocho de la mañana hasta las cinco de la tarde de lunes a viernes, con la excepción de días festivos.

Statewide Helpline -- Línea de Asistencia  
**1-866-WORKOMP / 1-866-967-5667**  
toll free -- llamada sin costo de larga distancia

New Mexico Workers' Compensation Administration  
PO Box 27198, Albuquerque, NM 87125

Albuquerque: (505) 841-6000 - 1 (800) 255-7985	Las Vegas: (505) 454-9251 - 1 (800) 281-7889	Santa Fe: (505) 476-7381
Farmington: (505) 599-8748 - 1 (800) 858-7310	Livingston: (575) 389-3437 - 1 (800) 934-2450	TDD for the deaf: (505) 841-6043
Las Cruces: (575) 524-5246 - 1 (800) 870-6825	Roswell: (575) 623-3997 - 1 (866) 311-8387	<a href="http://www.workerscomp.state.nm.us">www.workerscomp.state.nm.us</a>

Employer/employee: Each keep one copy.  
Empleador/empleado: Retener una copia.

Form NOA-1-W (4/12)

# H/R or Supervisor complete the “E-I”

## NEW MEXICO WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION

### EMPLOYERS' FIRST REPORT OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

2410 CENTRE AVE. SE • PO BOX 27198  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87125-7198

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

PLEASE PRINT IN BLACK INK OR TYPE

GENERAL	EMPLOYER (NAME & ADDRESS INCL ZIP)		CARRIER / ADMINISTRATOR CLAIM #	OSHA LOG NUMBER	REPORT PURPOSE CODE
	JURISDICTION		JURISDICTION CLAIM NUMBER		
	INSURED REPORT NUMBER				
	PHONE NUMBER	EMPLOYER FEIN	EMPLOYER'S LOCATION ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)	LOCATION #	INDUSTRY CODE
CARRIER	CARRIER (NAME, ADDRESS & PHONE NO)		POLICY PERIOD TO	CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR (NAME, ADDRESS & PHONE NO)	
	CARRIER FEIN		POLICY / SELF-INSURED NUMBER	ADMINISTRATOR FEIN	
	ADVERT NAME & CODE NUMBER				
	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)		DATE OF BIRTH	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	DATE HIRED
EMPLOYEE	ADDRESS (INCL ZIP)		GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN	MARITAL STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> UNMARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE/NOT WORKING <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> SEPARATED <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN	OCCUPATION/JOB TITLE OR (SOC) CODE
	PHONE NUMBER		# OF DEPENDENTS	EMPLOYMENT STATUS	
				NCCI CLASS CODE	
WORK	RATE	PERC <input type="checkbox"/> DAY WAGE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>	# DAYS WORKED/WEEK	FULL PAY FOR DAY OF INJURY?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
	TIME EMPLOYEE BEGAN WORK	DATE OF INJURY/ILLNESS	TIME OF OCCURRENCE	DATE EMPLOYER NOTIFIED	DATE DISABILITY BEGAN
	CONTACT NAME / PHONE NUMBER		TYPE OF INJURY/ILLNESS		PART OF BODY AFFECTED
	DID INJURY/ILLNESS EXPOSURE OCCUR ON EMPLOYEE'S PREMISES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		TYPE OF INJURY / ILLNESS CODE		PART OF BODY AFFECTED CODE
OCCUR	DEPARTMENT OR LOCATION WHERE ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS EXPOSURE OCCURRED		ALL EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, OR CHEMICALS EMPLOYEE WAS USING WHEN ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS EXPOSURE OCCURRED		
	SPECIFIC ACTIVITY THE EMPLOYEE WAS ENGAGED IN WHEN THE ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS EXPOSURE OCCURRED		WORK PROCESS THE EMPLOYEE WAS ENGAGED IN WHEN ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS EXPOSURE OCCURRED		
	HOW INJURY OR ILLNESS / ABNORMAL HEALTH CONDITION OCCURRED: DESCRIBE THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS AND INCLUDE ANY OBJECTS OR SUBSTANCES THAT DIRECTLY INJURED THE EMPLOYEE OR MADE THE EMPLOYEE ILL				
	CAUSE OF INJURY CODE				
TREATMENT	DATE RETURNED TO WORK	IF FATAL, GIVE DATE OF DEATH	WERE SAFEGUARDS OR SAFETY EQUIPMENT PROVIDED? WERE THEY USED?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
	PHYSICIAN / HEALTH CARE PROVIDER (NAME & ADDRESS)		HOSPITAL (NAME & ADDRESS)		INITIAL TREATMENT <input type="checkbox"/> NO MEDICAL TREATMENT <input type="checkbox"/> MINOR BY EMPLOYER <input type="checkbox"/> MINOR CLINICAL HOSPITAL <input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY CARE <input type="checkbox"/> HOSPITALIZED > 24 HRS <input type="checkbox"/> FUTURE MAJOR MEDICAL / LOST TIME ANTICIPATED
	WITNESSES (NAME & PHONE #)				
	DATE ADMINISTRATOR NOTIFIED	DATE PREPARED	PREPARER'S NAME & TITLE		

NM WCA FORM E-1.2

EQUIVALENT TO OSHA'S FORM 301

FORM IA-1 (7/02) © IALABC 2002

Completion of this form is not an admission that the claim is compensable under the Workers' Compensation Act.

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NEW MEXICO  
GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WORKERS' COMPENSATION BUREAU

# Employee reads and signs HIPAA release

## NEW MEXICO WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION WORKER'S AUTHORIZATION FOR USE AND DISCLOSURE OF HEALTH RECORDS

Worker/Patient FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: XXX-XX- \_\_\_\_\_

FOR WCA REFERENCE ONLY: Date/s of Injury: \_\_\_\_\_ WCA Case File Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE:** In accordance with NMSA 1978, § 52-10-1, a workers' compensation health care provider shall not require a signed medical authorization, in any form, for records that are directly related to any work place injuries or disabilities claimed by an injured worker. Costs for copying records are subject to non-clinical services fees set by the Administration, and shall not exceed \$1.00 per page for the first ten (10) pages or up to twenty-cents (\$0.20) for each page thereafter. A copy of this authorization may be used as an original.

### RELEASE OF HEALTH CARE RECORDS

I, (Print Worker's Name) \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize the following health care provider (HCP) or named facility to release my health care records for the **PURPOSE OF** facilitating and evaluating my Worker's Compensation Claim that arises from alleged workplace injuries or illnesses that occurred on the above date/s of injury.

Provider or Facility: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I authorize the following records released (check box, as appropriate): ☐ **ALL RECORDS** / ☐ **SPECIFIC DATES** (provide a date range for records authorized to be released (\_\_\_\_\_))

### RELEASE OF SPECIFIC HEALTH RECORDS

I FURTHER AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF RECORDS THAT MAY CONTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOLLOWING: (initial any that may apply).

\_\_\_\_ Treatment for alcohol and/or substance abuse      \_\_\_\_ Sexually transmitted diseases      \_\_\_\_ HIV or AIDS  
\_\_\_\_ Behavioral or Mental Health, including Psychiatric or Psychological  
\_\_\_\_ Records of the Department of Health Medical Cannabis Program

Signature of Worker/Patient/Personal Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSON/ENTITY AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE RECORDS

I authorize records be released to my employer, my employer's insurer, my attorney or representative, my employer/insurer's attorney or representative, and IIME providers.

(To be completed by authorized recipient/s): Records to be ☐ Picked Up ☐ Mailed ☐ Emailed ☐ Faxed ☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Recipient/s: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Fax/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### EXPIRATION and CONDITIONS

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS AUTHORIZATION IS VOLUNTARY AND THAT I MAY REFUSE TO SIGN IT AND SUCH A REFUSAL TO SIGN MAY NOT AFFECT MY TREATMENT OR SERVICES, EXCEPT AS PERMITTED BY LAW. THIS AUTHORIZATION IS LIMITED TO USE AND DISCLOSURE OF MEDICAL RECORDS AND DOES NOT WAIVE ANY PATIENT DOCTOR PRIVILEGE WITHOUT MY SEPARATE AUTHORIZATION AND CONSENT. THIS AUTHORIZATION IS TO BE VALID FOR TWO (2) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF MY SIGNATURE. I UNDERSTAND INFORMATION DISCLOSED PURSUANT TO THIS AUTHORIZATION MAY BE REDISCLOSED BY THE RECIPIENT/S. I MAY REVOKE THIS AUTHORIZATION AT ANY TIME BY NOTIFYING THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OR FACILITY IN WRITING; A COPY OF ANY REVOCATION SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE RECIPIENT/S. UPON MY REQUEST, I AM ENTITLED TO A COPY OF THE SIGNED AUTHORIZATION.

Signature of Worker/Patient \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Personal Representative (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Personal Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Worker/Patient \_\_\_\_\_

Leave Blank

# Employee reads, initials & signs WC Benefits Explanation Form

## WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS EXPLANATION FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge that the following items have been explained to me and that I do understand each item.

1. §10-7-13 NMSA prohibits public employees from receiving monthly salary for leave time in combination with workers' compensation benefits that exceeds 100% of the employee's monthly base salary. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Initials)
2. The workers' compensation benefit is computed at 66 2/3% of the employee's gross weekly base salary UP TO A SPECIFIED CAP. For most individuals, this figure is equal to the pay received in 5.3 hours of the normal 8 hour work day and is recorded as Workers' Compensation Leave Without Pay (LWOP). The remaining 2.7 hours are charged to sick and/or annual leave or authorized LWOP. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Initials)
3. Unusual deductions such as private medical, dental, and legal insurance can continue as long as the remaining 2.7 hours (or more) per day are taken as sick and/or annual leave. If an employee runs out of sick and/or annual leave, the employee must bear the burden of paying his/her and the state's share of such deductions, unless the employee applies, and is approved for, leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). \_\_\_\_\_  
(Initials)
4. The first 5 work days (40 hours, 7 calendar days) that an employee loses time is **NOT** compensated until the employee has been off work for more than 28 calendar days. The first week is initially charged to sick and/or annual leave or authorized LWOP. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Initials)
5. After 28 calendar days off work, the first week's benefit check is paid. At this time, unless the employee was on LWOP, or in other words, did not have or use any sick or annual leave for that first 40 hours, the first week's benefit check will constitute an overpayment and violates §10-7-13 NMSA. Therefore, the employee must reimburse the agency for the amount of overpayment received. In return, the agency must reinstate the applicable amount of sick and/or annual leave used during the first week. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Initials)
6. The amount of overpayment will be computed by the agency upon receipt of the first week's check. Should the check be delivered **DIRECTLY** to the employee, it is the employee's responsibility to ensure proper procedures are followed. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Initials)

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7. The responsibility for properly coding time sheets rests with the immediate supervisor. The injured employee must also ensure that time sheets are properly and accurately prepared. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Initials)
8. Any LWOP time in excess of 30 days, **INCLUDING THAT USED FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION PURPOSES**, does not allow an individual to accrue service time towards retirement, unless the employee applies, and is approved for FMLA. All other LWOP time must be made up by actual service (productive) time. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Initials)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name of injured employee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of injured employee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

WITNESS:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Employee reads & signs WC Claims Explanation form

## WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM EXPLANATION

In reporting this alleged on-the-job injury/occupational illness, which occurred on \_\_\_\_\_, I, the undersigned, acknowledge the following items have been explained to me and that I understand each item.

1. By reporting this injury/illness to my supervisor or other designated person I am only complying with requirements of my agency's internal loss prevention procedures and the New Mexico Workers' Compensation Act. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Initials)
2. Reporting the injury/illness does not automatically qualify me for Workers Compensation benefits. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Initials)
3. My employer has the right to either direct me to a health care provider of their choice upon the report of this accident or permit me to select my own health care provider for treatment of my alleged job-incurred injury/illness. I am fully aware that unauthorized treatment may not be a covered Workers' Compensation benefit.

Choose one and sign.

- A. My employer chooses to select the health care provider for the first 60 days.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Physician)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Employee Signature)

- B. My employer will permit me to select the health care provider for the first 60 days.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Physician)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Employee Signature)

4. This injury will be investigated by my agency and Risk Management Division, who will determine if the injury/illness qualifies under the guidelines of the Workers' Compensation Act. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Initials)
5. I will be advised by proper authority if particular investigative circumstances or facts **AT THE AGENCY LEVEL** cause the investigating person(s) to believe that the injury/illness is **NOT** within the purview of the Workers Compensation Act. If I am not satisfied with the determination at the agency level, I am aware that I may request reconsideration of my claim by the assigned Workers Compensation Claims Administrator at Risk Management Division at (505) 827-0232. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Initials)
6. My supervisor or a designated agency representative (\_\_\_\_\_) will be promptly informed of all doctors' appointments, diagnosis/prognosis, billings and/or changes in treatment. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Initials)

All information stated by me regarding this incident, to any person investigating said incident or representing my employer, is true and factual. Any willful untruths or misrepresentations regarding an alleged on-the-job injury/illness will be regarded as falsification of official documents.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name of Employee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name of witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Employee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

[https://www.generalservices.state.nm.us/riskmanagement/Employers\\_First\\_Report.aspx](https://www.generalservices.state.nm.us/riskmanagement/Employers_First_Report.aspx)

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## Employers' First Report

Form fields:

Email

PIN

Forgot PIN? Please contact [workers.compensation@state.nm.us](mailto:workers.compensation@state.nm.us)

## WORKERS COMPENSATION INJURY REPORTING

**Employer:** This form must be electronically filed with the GSD/Risk Management Division, Workers' Compensation Bureau within 72 hours of knowledge of any and all alleged work-related injury or illness even if the employer disputes the workers' claim of work-related injury or illness

### Instructions for completion:

Please fill in all mandatory fields. Some of the fields have been pre-populated. Incomplete "First report of Injury form" will not be submitted or received.

All other four (4) associated documents are also required to be uploaded to complete the report of injury, Notice of Accident, Medical Release of Information, Witness Statements, Claim Explanation Form, Benefits Explanation Form. You will have to scan them separate in your documents so that you can upload them one at a time.

Risk Management Division/Workers Compensation Bureau

P.O. Box 6850 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502






Phone: 505 827-0232

Fax: 505 827-0685

\* required

### Supporting documents

Please upload required supporting documents

Notice of accident * <a href="#">Download Template</a>	<input type="text"/>	 Choose file	<input type="button" value="Upload"/>
Authorization for use and disclosure of Health Records * <a href="#">Download Template</a>	<input type="text"/>	 Choose file	<input type="button" value="Upload"/>
Benefit Explanation <a href="#">Download Template</a>	<input type="text"/>	 Choose file	<input type="button" value="Upload"/>
Claim Explanation * <a href="#">Download Template</a>	<input type="text"/>	 Choose file	<input type="button" value="Upload"/>
Other Employee Records	<input type="text"/>	 Choose file	<input type="button" value="Upload"/>
Medical Records	<input type="button" value="Add"/>		

## Employee Details

Name \*  
*Agency and department.*

Address \*  
*Street address.*

City \*

State \*

New Mexico



ZIP Code \*

*Enter either XXXXX or XXXXX-XXXX.*

Phone \*

*Person to be contacted about this injury/illness.*

(xxx)-xxx-xxxx

FEIN

Default (85-6000565)



Carrier/Administrator Claim #

85-6000565

## Employer's Location (If Different)

*Satellite office where employee works.*

Name

Address

City

State

New Mexico



## Employee Details

First Name \*

Middle Name

Last Name \*

Address \*

*Please enter home address.*

City \*

County \*

State \*

New Mexico



ZIP \*

*Enter either XXXXX or XXXXX-XXXX.*

Phone Number \*

Date of Birth \*

Social Security Number \*

Date Hired \*

State of Hire \*

New Mexico



Gender \*



Marital Status \*



Name	<input type="text"/>
Address Line 1	<input type="text"/>
City	<input type="text"/>
State	New Mexico ▼
ZIP	<input type="text"/>
Initial Treatment *	<- Please select: -> ▼

### Other

<b>Witnesses (Name &amp; Phone #)</b> <i>Please give name and phone number of anyone that witnessed the accident or illness.</i>	<input type="text"/> <small>250 characters remaining (250 maximum)</small>
<b>Date Administrator Notified *</b> <i>Date the administrator/employer was notified.</i>	7/23/2019
<b>Date Prepared *</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Preparer's Name *</b> <i>This form should be filled out by employer, not injured worker.</i>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Preparer's Title *</b> <i>This form should be filled out by employer, not injured worker.</i>	<input type="text"/>

Submit

# Now What?



# Claim Investigation



- ◇ Assigned Adjuster will determine if claim is compensable based upon *all information* provided *and discovered, medical evidence, statutes and case law.*
- ◇ *If Adjuster denies the claim, the injured worker has the right to file a complaint with the WCA\*.*
- ◇ *Complaints initially go to mediation, if no agreement is reached it can proceed to trial.*

\*WCA: Workers' Compensation Administration



# If the claim is accepted



- ◇ Reasonable and necessary medical is paid until injury is resolved.
- ◇ This includes reasonable and necessary medical visits, physical therapy, occupational therapy, MRIs, X-Rays', second opinions, independent medical evaluations, etc.
- ◇ If out of work on Doctors orders', temporary total disability (TTD) is calculated after the (7) day waiting period and paid as a workers' compensation benefit.
- ◇ Temporary partial disability (TPD).

# Medical Care

- ◇ In an **EMERGENCY**, the injured worker should be directed to the nearest hospital Emergency Room.
- ◇ If **NOT** an emergency, the Employer may direct the worker to a medical provider or allow the worker select their choice of provider for the first [60] days.
- ◇ Emergency care in the emergency room is *not* considered anyone's selection of healthcare provider.
- ◇ We do not have any contracted providers anywhere in the state.

# Medical care continued...

- ◇ If the Doctor the injured worker selects does not accept workers' comp insurance let them know they can find another Doctor who will accept WC insurance. Direct them to the WCA for information regarding what Doctors will accept workers' compensation insurance:

**WCA:** 505-841-6000

**LOCATIONS:** Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Las Vegas, Farmington, Roswell, Lovington, and Las Cruces.



# Doctor Query/Modified Duty Form

- ◇ This form should be sent with injured worker to Doctor for every medical appointment.
- ◇ Can they work ?
- ◇ Can they work with restrictions or part-time?
- ◇ Is the employer able to accommodate restrictions?
- ◇ Is the employer able to provide temporary modified duty, if needed?
- ◇ If yes, create modified duty terms on back of Dr. Q form.

**RISK MANAGEMENT DIVISION  
DOCTOR VISIT/MODIFIED WORK ASSIGNMENT**

**EMPLOYEE IS TO RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO HIS/HER EMPLOYER AT THE  
CONCLUSION OF EACH AND EVERY DOCTOR VISIT**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_  
DOCTOR \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIAL SECURITY # \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ is a State of New Mexico, \_\_\_\_\_ Department employee. An alleged on the job injury was reported by this employee on \_\_\_\_\_ which may require treatment, as you determine. Please complete the data below so that a claim may be processed by the Risk Management Division.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Supervisor	Agency/Division	Phone

1. Diagnosis \_\_\_\_\_

2. Was employee released today? Yes ☐ No ☐

3. X-ray(s)? Today: Yes ☐ No ☐

4. Medication prescribed? Yes ☐ No ☐ Continued ☐

5. Can employee return to normal duty at this time? Yes ☐ No ☐

6. If Yes, has the employee reached MMI? Yes ☐ No ☐

7. If "No", can employee return to work on a limited/restricted basis? Yes ☐ No ☐

8. If "Yes" to #6, what restrictions?

☐ NO REACHING ABOVE SHOULDER.  
☐ NO CLIMBING OF STAIRS OR LADDERS.  
☐ NO LIFTING OVER \_\_\_\_\_ LBS.  
☐ NO KNEELING/SQUATING.

☐ NO PUSHING OR PULLING  
☐ NO OPERATION OF MACHINERY  
☐ NO REPETITIVE WAIST BENDING.  
☐ LIMITED/NO USE OF \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

How long will restrictions last? Until next visit ☐ Other date \_\_\_\_\_

9. When is next visit scheduled? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Other Comments \_\_\_\_\_

ATTENDING DOCTOR \_\_\_\_\_

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**MODIFIED WORK ASSIGNMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read the restrictions detailed below and have discussed said restrictions with my supervisor/employer,

\_\_\_\_\_

I understand the nature of the restrictions and further understand that any violations of said restrictions may cause aggravation or further, injury. I also understand and will comply with the rules or orders noted below as a condition of employment on a modified work assignment.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employees Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Immediate Supervisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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# Indemnity benefit payment



- ◇ If the Doctor orders no work, comp will start benefits on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of lost time.
- ◇ Temporary total disability (TTD) is paid at 66 2/3% of the injured workers Average Weekly Wage: This is calculated by the **gross** income for the 26 weeks prior to the date of injury. There is a **maximum** compensation rate which changes every January.
- ◇ For 2019 the Maximum rate is: **\$814.64**  
Minimum rate is \$ 36.00

**RISK MANAGEMENT DIVISION  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION BUREAU  
WORKSHEET FOR COMPUTING AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE**

EMPLOYEE: \_\_\_\_\_ AGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF INJURY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF HIRE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

WAS EMPLOYEE WORKING MORE THAN ONE JOB AT THE TIME OF THE INJURY? ☐ Y ☐ N

PLEASE PROVIDE 26 WEEKS OF GROSS EARNINGS (13 PAY PERIODS) PRIOR TO DATE OF INJURY. (PLEASE ATTACH PAYROLL RECORDS FOR DOCUMENTATION.)

PAY PERIOD ENDING DATE*	TOTAL GROSS EARNINGS ON PAYCHECK**
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____
8. _____	_____
9. _____	_____
10. _____	_____
11. _____	_____
12. _____	_____
13. _____	_____

TOTAL FOR 26 WEEKS PRIOR TO DATE OF INJURY: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DIVIDED BY 26 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE)

\*START WITH PAY PERIOD ENDING MOST RECENTLY PRIOR TO DATE OF INJURY.

\*\* TOTAL GROSS EARNINGS INCLUDES SALARY, OVERTIME, SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL, ETC., BUT NOT MILEAGE, PERDIEM OR FRINGE BENEFITS.  
(SECTION 52-1-20, NEW MEXICO WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT).

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# Average weekly wage form (AWWW)

- ◇ We ask that you complete this form with help from your HR.  
We need to have an *average weekly wage* according to NM Workers Comp Statutes 52-1-20. Attach copies of checks to worksheet.
- ◇ Includes all **gross** income, overtime, shift differential, as well as any other part time as well.
- ◇ Impairments are also calculated according to the COMP rate as well. (66 2/3% of AWW, taken from the *average weekly wage form*)  
  
✓ **EXAMPLE:** Average Weekly Wage is (500.00) the Comp rate is  $\$333.33 \times 10\% = 33.33$  per week for the 'whole person'.
- ◇ Scheduled injury; knee, arm, leg is set number of weeks per the *Workers' Compensation Act*.

# Insurance premiums



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- ◇ Insurance premiums are based on a 5 year history.
- ◇ Medical, indemnity and additional expenses will make up your loss history.
- ◇ Early Return to Work and Modified Duty programs save money on premiums.
- ◇ Premiums are calculated based on your agencies experience and exposure for a trailing 5 year history.



*Employers have the greatest impact on premiums by preventing injuries, providing early return to work and modified duty programs when injuries do happen.*

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# To summarize...

- ◇ EMPLOYER must ensure posters and “Notice of Accident” are posted at all work sites.
- ◇ EMPLOYER completes the “First Report of Accident”.
- ◇ EMPLOYER submits ***entire*** claim package to RMD.
- ◇ EMPLOYER decides who will pick HCP (first 60 days)
- ◇ EMPLOYER communicate with RMD/WCB if modified duty is or is not accepted.
- ◇ Call RMD/WCB with questions: **1-800-510-5093**

# No question is a silly question!

