

DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

FACTSHEET

What is workers' compensation?

If you get hurt on the job, your employer is required by law to pay for workers' compensation benefits. You could get hurt by:

One event at work. Examples: hurting your back in a fall, getting burned by a chemical that splashes on your skin, getting hurt in a car accident while making deliveries.

—or—

Repeated exposures at work. Examples: hurting your wrist from doing the same motion over and over, losing your hearing because of constant loud noise.

What are the benefits?

- **Medical care:** Paid for by your employer, to help you recover from an injury or illness caused by work.
- **Temporary disability benefits:** Payments if you lose wages because your injury prevents you from doing your usual job while recovering.
- **Permanent disability benefits:** Payments if you don't recover completely.
- **Supplemental job displacement benefits** (if your date of injury is in 2004 or later): Vouchers to help pay for retraining or skill enhancement if you don't recover completely and don't return to work for your employer.
- **Death benefits:** Payments to your spouse, children or other dependents if you die from a job injury or illness.

What should I do if I have a job injury?

Report the injury to your employer

Tell your supervisor right away. If your injury or illness developed gradually (like tendinitis or hearing loss), report it as soon as you learn or believe it was caused by your job.



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Minimizing the impact of work-related injuries and illnesses



Helping resolve disputes over workers' compensation benefits



Monitoring the administration of claims

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Get emergency treatment if needed

If it's a medical emergency, go to an emergency room right away. Your employer may tell you where to go for treatment. Tell the health care provider who treats you that your injury or illness is job-related.

Fill out a claim form and give it to your employer

Your employer must give or mail you a claim form (DWC 1) within one working day after learning about your injury or illness. Use it to request workers' compensation benefits.

Get good medical care

Get good medical care to help you recover. You should be treated by a doctor who understands your particular type of injury or illness. Tell the doctor about your symptoms and the events at work that you believe caused them. Also describe your job and your work environment.

I'm afraid I might be fired because of my injury. Can my employer fire me?

It's illegal for your employer to punish or fire you for having a job injury, or for filing a workers' compensation claim when you believe your injury was caused by your job.

If you feel your job is threatened, find someone who can help. Note that there are deadlines for taking action to protect your rights.

The California Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) is the state agency that oversees the delivery of benefits for injured workers and helps resolve disputes over benefits between injured workers and employers.

DWC information and assistance (I & A) officers can help you navigate the workers' compensation system, and can provide claim forms or other forms you need to receive benefits.

The FREE publication, "A Guidebook for Injured Workers," can be downloaded from www.dwc.ca.gov.



Call 1-800-736-7401 to hear recorded information on a variety of workers' compensation topics 24 hours a day, or go on line to www.dwc.ca.gov to find the I & A office near you.

*Please visit the
DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION
Web site at: www.dwc.ca.gov
or call 1-800-736-7401*

Republic Indemnity Company ("Republic Indemnity")

Covered Employee Notification of Rights

Republic Indemnity Company Medical Provider Network ("MPN") www.republicmpn.com

**This pamphlet contains important information
about your medical care
in case of a work-related injury or illness.**

You Are Important To Us

Keeping you well and fully employed is important to us. It is your employer's goal to provide you employment in a safe working environment. However, should you become injured or ill as a result of your job, we want to ensure you receive prompt quality medical treatment. Our goal is to assist you in making a full recovery and returning to your job as soon as possible. In compliance with California law, we provide workers' compensation benefits, which include the payment of all appropriate medical treatment for work-related injuries or illnesses. If you have any questions regarding the MPN, please contact Republic Indemnity at 800-821-4520.

Republic Indemnity Medical Provider Network "MPN"

California law requires your employer to provide and pay for medical treatment if you are injured at work. Your employer has chosen to provide this medical care by using a Workers' Compensation physician network called a Medical Provider Network (MPN). This MPN is administered by Republic Indemnity Company. This notification tells you what you need to know about the MPN program and describes your rights in choosing medical care for work-related injuries and illnesses.

- **What happens if I get injured at work?**

In case of an emergency, you should call 911 or go to the closest emergency room.

If you are injured at work, notify your employer as soon as possible. Your employer will provide you with a claim form. When you notify your employer that you have had a work-related injury, your employer will make an initial appointment with a doctor in the MPN.

- **What is an MPN?**

A Medical Provider Network (MPN) is a group of health care providers (physicians and other medical providers) used by your employer to treat workers injured on the job. MPNs must allow employees to have a choice of provider(s). Each MPN must include a mix of doctors specializing in work-related injuries and doctors with expertise in general areas of medicine.

- **What MPN is used by my employer?**

Your employer is using the **Republic Indemnity Company MPN** with the identification numbers **2005** and **2006**. You must refer to the MPN name and the MPN identification number whenever you have questions or requests about the MPN.

- **Who can I contact if I have questions about my MPN?**

The MPN Contact listed in this notification will be able to answer your questions about the use of the MPN and will address any complaints regarding the MPN.

MPN Contact Toll Free # (877) 854-3353.

General information regarding the MPN can also be found at the following website: www.republicmpn.com.

- **What if I need help finding and making an appointment with a doctor?**

The MPN Medical Access Assistant will help you find available MPN physicians of your choice and can assist you with scheduling and confirming physician appointments. The Medical Access Assistant is available to assist you Monday through Saturday, excluding Sundays and holidays, from 7am-8pm (Pacific) and schedule medical appointments during the doctor's normal business hours. Assistance is available in English and in Spanish.

Medical Access Assistant (MAA)

Toll Free Number: (888) 545-3795

Email: mpninfo@netbyd.com

Fax: (209) 879-9387

- **How do I find out which doctors are in my MPN?**

You can get a regional list of all MPN providers in your area by calling the MPN Contact or by going to our website at: www.republicmpn.com. At minimum, the regional list must include a list of all MPN providers within 15 miles of your workplace and/or residence or a list of all MPN providers within the county where you live and/or work. You may choose which list you wish to receive. You also have the right to obtain a list of all the MPN providers upon request.

You can access the roster of all treating physicians and a roster of all participating providers in the MPN by going to the website at: www.republicmpn.com.

- **How do I choose a provider?**

Your employer will arrange the initial medical evaluation with an MPN physician. After the first medical visit, you may continue to be treated by that doctor, or you may choose another doctor from the MPN. You may continue to choose doctors within the MPN for all of your medical care for this injury.

If appropriate, you may choose a specialist or ask your primary treating physician for a referral to a specialist. Some specialists will only accept appointments with a referral from the primary treating physician. Such specialists might be listed as “by referral only” in your MPN directory.

If you need help in finding a doctor or scheduling a medical appointment, you may call the Medical Access Assistant.

- **Can I change providers?**

Yes. You can change providers within the MPN for any reason, but the providers you choose should be appropriate to treat your injury. Contact the MPN Contact or your claims adjuster if you want to change your treating physician.

- **What standards does the MPN have to meet?**

The MPN has providers for the entire state of California.

The MPN must give you access to a regional list of providers that includes at least three physicians in each specialty commonly used to treat work injuries/illnesses in your industry. The MPN must provide access to three primary treating physicians and a hospital or an emergency healthcare facility within 30 minutes or 15 miles and specialists within 60 minutes or 30 miles of where you work or live.

If you live in a rural area or an area where there is a health care shortage or if there are no MPN providers available within 30 miles of your residence or workplace location, you will be allowed to obtain services from a provider outside of the MPN, within a reasonable geographic area.

After you have notified your employer of your injury, the MPN must provide initial treatment within 3 business days. If treatment with a specialist has been authorized, the initial appointment with the specialist must be provided to you within 20 business days of your request. If the appointment with the specialist cannot be scheduled within 10 business days of your request, you may be allowed to obtain treatment with an appropriate specialist outside of the MPN.

If you have trouble getting an appointment with a provider in the MPN, contact the Medical Access Assistant.

- **What if there are no MPN providers where I am located?**

If you are a current employee living in a rural area or temporarily working or living outside the MPN service area, or you are a former employee permanently living outside the MPN service area, the MPN or your treating doctor will give you a list of at least three physicians who can treat you. The MPN may also allow you to choose your own doctor outside of the MPN network. Contact your MPN Contact for assistance in finding a physician or for additional information.

- **What if I need a specialist that is not available in the MPN?**

If you need to see a type of specialist that is not available in the MPN, you have the right to see a specialist outside of the MPN.

- **What if I disagree with my doctor about medical treatment?**

If you disagree with your doctor or wish to change your doctor for any reason, you may choose another doctor within the MPN.

If you disagree with either the diagnosis or treatment prescribed by your doctor, you may ask for a second opinion from another doctor within the MPN. If you want a second opinion, you must contact the MPN Contact or your claims adjuster and tell them you want a second opinion. The MPN should give you at least a regional or full MPN provider list from which you can choose a second opinion doctor. To get a second opinion, you must choose a doctor from the MPN list and make an appointment within 60 days.

You must tell the MPN Contact or your claims adjuster of your appointment date, and the MPN will send the doctor a copy of your medical records. You may also request a copy of your medical records that will be sent to the doctor.

If you do not make an appointment within 60 days of receiving the regional provider list, you will not be allowed to have a second or third opinion with regard to this disputed diagnosis or treatment of the treating physician.

If the second-opinion doctor feels that your injury is outside of the type of injury he or she normally treats, the doctor's office will notify the MPN Contact or your claims adjuster and you. You will get another list of MPN doctors or specialists so you can make another selection.

If you disagree with the second opinion, you may ask for a third opinion. If you request a third opinion, you will go through the same process you went through for the second opinion.

Remember that if you do not make an appointment within 60 days of obtaining another MPN provider list, then you will not be allowed to have a third opinion with regard to this disputed diagnosis or treatment of this treating physician.

If you disagree with the third-opinion doctor, you may ask for an MPN Independent Medical Review (MPN IMR). The MPN Contact will give you information on requesting an MPN Independent Medical Review (MPN IMR) and will complete the “MPN Contact section” of an MPN IMR application form for you at the time you select a third-opinion physician.

If either the second or third-opinion doctor or MPN Independent Medical Reviewer agrees with your need for a treatment or test, you may be allowed to receive that medical service from a provider within the MPN, or if the MPN does not contain a physician who can provide the recommended treatment, you may choose a physician outside the MPN within a reasonable geographic area.

- **What if I am already being treated for a work-related injury before the MPN begins?**

Your employer has a “*Transfer of Care*” policy which will determine if you can continue being temporarily treated for an existing work-related injury by a physician outside of the MPN before your care is transferred into the MPN.

If your current doctor is not or does not become a member of the MPN, then you may be required to see an MPN physician. However, if you have properly predesignated a primary treating physician, you cannot be transferred into the MPN. (If you have questions about predesignation, ask your supervisor.)

If your employer decides to transfer you into the MPN, you and your primary treating physician must receive a letter notifying you of the transfer.

If you meet certain conditions, you may qualify to continue treating with a non-MPN physician for up to a year before you are transferred into the MPN. The qualifying conditions to postpone the transfer of your care into the MPN are set forth below.

Can I Continue Being Treated By My Doctor?

You may qualify for continuing treatment with your non-MPN provider (through transfer of care or continuity of care) for up to a year if your injury or illness meets any of the following conditions:

- **(Acute)** The treatment for your injury or illness will be completed in less than 90 days;
- **(Serious or Chronic)** Your injury or illness is one that is serious and continues for at least 90 days without full cure or worsens and requires ongoing treatment. You may be allowed to be treated by your current treating doctor for up to one year, until a safe transfer of care can be made;
- **(Terminal)** You have an incurable illness or irreversible condition that is likely to cause death within one year or less;
- **(Pending Surgery)** You already have a surgery or other procedure that has been authorized by your employer or its claims administrator that will occur within 180 days of the MPN effective date, or the termination of contract date between the MPN and your doctor.

You can disagree with your employer's decision to transfer your care into the MPN. If you don't want to be transferred into the MPN, ask your primary treating physician for a medical report on whether you have one of the four conditions stated above to qualify for a postponement of your transfer into the MPN.

Your primary treating physician has 20 days from the date of your request to give you a copy of his/her report on your condition. If your primary treating physician does not give you the report within 20 days of your request, the employer can transfer your care into the MPN and you will be required to use an MPN physician.

You will need to give a copy of the report to your employer if you wish to postpone the transfer of your care. If you or your employer disagrees with your doctor's report on your condition, you or your employer can dispute it. See the complete Transfer of Care policy for more details on the dispute resolution process.

For a copy of the Transfer of Care policy, in English or Spanish, ask your MPN Contact.

- **What if I am being treated by an MPN doctor who decides to leave the MPN?**

Your employer or its claims administrator has a written "Continuity of Care" policy that will determine whether you can temporarily continue treatment for an existing work injury with your doctor if your doctor is no longer participating in the MPN.

If your employer or its claims administrator decides that you do not qualify to continue your care with the non-MPN provider, you and your primary treating physician must receive a letter notifying you of this decision.

If you meet certain conditions, you may qualify to continue treating with this doctor for up to a year before you must choose an MPN physician. These conditions are set forth in "Can I Continue Being Treated By My Doctor?" above.

You can disagree with your employer or its claims administrator's decision to deny you Continuity of Care with the terminated MPN provider. If you want to continue treating with the terminated doctor, ask your primary treating physician for a medical report on whether you have one of the four conditions stated in the box above to see if you qualify to continue treating with your current doctor temporarily.

Your primary treating physician has 20 days from the date of your request to give you a copy of his/her medical report on your condition. If your primary treating physician does not give you the report within 20 days of your request, your employer or its claims administrator's decision to deny you Continuity of Care with your doctor who is no longer participating in the MPN will apply, and you will be required to choose a MPN physician.

You will need to give a copy of the report to your employer if you wish to postpone the selection of another MPN doctor for your continued treatment. If you or your employer disagrees with your doctor's report on your condition, you or your employer can dispute it. See the complete Continuity of Care policy for more details on the dispute resolution process.

For a copy of the Continuity of Care policy, in English or Spanish, ask your MPN Contact.

- **What if I have questions or need help?**

- **MPN Contact:** You may always contact the MPN Contact if you have questions about the use of the MPN and to address any complaints regarding the MPN.
- **Medical Access Assistants:** You may contact the Medical Access Assistant if you need help finding MPN physicians and scheduling and confirming appointments.
- **Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC):** If you have any questions regarding your rights and responsibilities under the California workers' compensation law, you can call the DWC's Information and Assistance (I&A) Unit at 1-800-736-7401 for a recorded message or access its webpage <https://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/landA.html> to locate the contact information of your nearest local I&A office for assistance. You can also go to the DWC's website at www.dir.ca.gov/dwc and click on "medical provider networks" for more information about MPNs.
- **MPN Independent Medical Review:** If you have questions about the MPN Independent Medical Review process, contact the Division of Workers' Compensation's Medical Unit at:

DWC Medical Unit
P.O. Box 71010
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 286-3700 or (800) 794-6900

KEEP THIS INFORMATION
IN CASE YOU HAVE A
WORK RELATED INJURY OR ILLNESS

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Participating Retail Network Pharmacies

A & P	Drug Emporium	Major Value	Schnucks
Acme Pharmacy	Drug Fair	Marsh Drugs	Scolari's
Albertson's	Drug Town	Medic Discount	Sedano
Albertson's/Acme	Drug World	Medicap	Shaw's
Albertson's/Osco	Eckerd	Medistat	Shop 'N Save
Albertson's/Sav-On	Econofoods	Meijer	Shopko
Amerisource	EPIC Pharmacy	Minyard	ShopRite
Bergen	Network	NCS HealthCare	Snyder
Anchor Pharmacies	FamilyMeds	Neighborcare	Stop & Shop
Arrow	Farm Fresh	Network	Sun Mart
Aurora	Farmer Jack	Pharmaceuticals	Super Fresh
Bartell Drugs	Food City	Northeast	Super Rx
Bigg's	Food Lion	Pharmacy Services	Target
Bi-Lo	Fred's	Osco	Texas Oncology
Bi-Mart	Gemmel	P & C Food	Srvs
BJ's Wholesale	Giant	Markets	The Pharm
Club	Giant Eagle	Pamida	Thrifty White
Brooks	Giant Foods	Park Nicollet	Times
Brookshire Brothers	Hannaford	Pathmark	Tom Thumb
Brookshire Grocery	Harris Teeter	Pavilions	Tops
Bruno	H-E-B	Price Chopper	Ukrop's
Carrs	Hi-School	Publix	United Drugs
Cash Wise	Pharmacy	Quality Markets	United
Coborn's	Hy-Vee	Raley's	Supermarkets
Costco	Jewel/Osco	Randalls	Vons
Cub	Kash n Karry	Rite Aid	Waldbaums
CVS	Keltsch	Rosauers	Walgreens
D&W	Kerr	Rx Express	Wal-Mart
Dahl's	Kmart	RXD	Wegmans
Dierbergs	Knight Drugs	Safeway	Weis
Discount Drugmart	Kroger	Sam's Club	Winn Dixie
Doc's Drugs	LeaderNet (PSAO)	Sav-On	
Dominicks	Longs Drug Store	Save Mart	

NOTE: This form is not valid in the state of Ohio. For all other states, liability of a workers' compensation claim is not assumed based on the dispensing of medication(s) to a patient.



EXPRESS SCRIPTS®

Workers' Compensation Temporary Prescription ID Card

»» To the Injured Worker:

On your first visit, please give this notice to any pharmacy listed on the back side to speed processing your approved workers' compensation prescriptions (based on the guidelines established by your employer).

Questions or need assistance locating a participating retail network pharmacy? Call the Express Scripts Patient Care Contact Center at 800.945.5951.

Atencion Trabajador Lesionado:

Este formulario de identificación para servicios temporales de prescripción de recetas por compensación del trabajador DEBERÁ SER PRESENTADO a su farmacéutico al surtir su(s) receta(s) inicial(es).

Si tiene cualquier duda o necesita localizar una farmacia participante, por favor contacte al área de Atención a Clientes de Express Scripts, en el teléfono 800.945.5951.

»» To the Pharmacist:

Express Scripts administers this workers' compensation prescription program. Please follow the steps below to submit a claim. Standard claim limitations include quantity exceeding 150 pills or a day supply exceeding 14 days. This form is valid for up to 30 days from DOI. Limitations may vary. For assistance, call Express Scripts at 888.786.9640.

Pharmacy Processing Steps

- Step 1: Enter bin number 003858
- Step 2: Enter processor control A4
- Step 3: Enter the group number as it appears above
- Step 4: Enter the injured worker's nine-digit ID number
- Step 5: Enter the injured worker's first and last name
- Step 6: Enter the injured worker's date of injury
(enter in PA field in the format YYYYMMDD)

Express Scripts

ID #: _____

Your SSN is your temporary ID number; present to the pharmacy at the time prescription is filled. You will receive a new ID number shortly.

Date of Injury: _____

MM/DD/YYYY

Group #: **ESR3050** _____

Employee Date of Birth: _____

Thank you for using a participating retail network pharmacy. Even though there is no direct cost to you, it's important that we all do our part to help control the rising cost of healthcare.

Please see other side for a list of participating retail network pharmacies.

»» **To the Supervisor:** Please fill in the information requested for the injured worker.

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Employee Information

First M Last

Street Address or PO Box

City State ZIP

Employer Name



AUTHORIZATION FOR INDUSTRIAL MEDICAL, SURGICAL OR HOSPITAL AID

Employer:	Policy No:
Date of Injury:	By:
To:	, M.D.
Address:	
Please render necessary medical service to:	
and immediately forward "DOCTOR'S FIRST REPORT OF WORK INJURY," together with this authorization, to the appropriate servicing office.	

California:

Claims Mailing Address: Republic Indemnity, P.O. Box 4275, Woodland Hills, California 91365-4275
Phone (800) 821-4520, option 1 · Fax (818) 789-7286 · eMail riclaims@ri-net.com

Greater Bay Area:

Phone (415) 981-3200 · Fax (415) 954-1177

Los Angeles / Tri-County / Orange County / San Joaquin Valley:

Phone (818) 990-9860 · Fax (818) 789-7286

San Diego / San Bernardino / Riverside / Imperial County:

Phone (858) 292-7002 · Fax (858) 467-7815

Arizona / Colorado / Kansas / Missouri:

Claims Mailing Address: Republic Indemnity, P.O. Box 4275, Woodland Hills, California 91365-4275
Phone (602) 912-9505 · Fax (602) 912-9509

Third Party Administrators:

Northern Adjusters, Inc. 1401 Rudakof Circle Anchorage, Alaska 99508 Phone (907) 868-3999 · Fax (907) 868-3866	The Integrion Group 5201 Balloon Fiesta Parkway NE P.O. Box 27815 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87125 Phone (505) 293-6600 · Fax (505) 293-6400
Intermountain Claims, Inc. 170 South Cole P.O. Box 4367 Boise, Idaho 83711 Phone (208) 323-7571 · Fax (208) 375-8905	Intermountain Claims, Inc. P.O. Box 23547 Portland, Oregon 97281-3547 Phone (503) 626-6966 · Fax (503) 626-7105
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