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Re: Tiffany Anderson claim # VE090000198

January 12, 2014 12:16 AM



On Aug 25, 2011, at 8:58 PM, tiffanyanderson <tiffanyanderson@me.com> wrote:

On Aug 25, 2011, at 4:52 PM, jstroh wrote:

Tiffany,

From information that the district received from AIMS, it is our understanding that your 6/29/2011 claim is pending consideration following review of applicable information from Dr. Eck, Dr. Murata, and other health providers. You should have received correspondence from AIMS regarding this matter; please insure that you follow their directions and provide them the requested information to insure that your claim is handled expeditiously.

It is also my understanding that the assignment of a number to a reported claim does not necessarily indicate that the claim is accepted or considered a qualified claim. AIMS has assigned a number to your claim and has indicated that the claim is pending following further review. I will follow-up on this aspect of your request to insure that there is no misunderstanding of what is an accepted or qualified claim versus the assignment of a claim number.

Re: other health issues that you associate with your June 29th incident, I am assuming that AIMS will evaluate all of the information from Dr. Eck, Dr. Murata, and other health providers as it relates to the search to your knee and reported flu-like symptoms. The DWC form that was used to record your initial 6/29/2011 incident involving your knee will also include any linked issues from that incident, so I do not believe you need to file another DWC form for different health-related symptoms from the same incident. If AIMS feels another form is required, I will insure you receive one.

The district provides salary continuation to employees for qualified workers compensation claims. You have received salary continuation for all of your previous qualified workers compensation claims that resulted in lost time. Your current claim is pending. If your current claim is determined to qualify for salary continuation, any accrued leave that you use will be reimbursed to your accrued leave account(s) up to the amount that you are eligible for based on district policy.

In the meantime, please insure that the short-term disability insurance forms you requested from the district are properly filled out and submitted to UMMUM for their consideration. If you have any questions re: the UNUM disability insurance plans please contact Emily Nicholas at (209) 982-4675.

As always, I am available to discuss the status of your current workers compensation claim or other employment-related issues with you either in-person, by phone, or by e-mail.

Sincerely,

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From: tiffanyanderson [mailto:tiffanyanderson@me.com]

Sent: 2011-08-25 11:14 AM

To: Mackenzie Dawson; John Stroh; Bob Phibbs

Cc: tiffanyanderson

Subject: Tiffany Anderson claim # VE090000198

August 25, 2011

Attention:

- 1) I would like clarity as to if this is an accepted claim. I have a claim number which gives me the impression that it is.
- 2) I missed 7-19, 7-20, 7-21, 7-22, 8-16 for 3 hours due to my injury. When I marked them as work comp time off my supervisor informed me that I would be reimbursed if my claim was accepted.

3) From July 6 I started to have flu like symptoms after pasture water entered my knee. I could feel it burning and it felt like it was going into my blood system. That is when I requested to return to US Health Works. For a lack of a better idea, Dr. Eck dismissed my complaints of low grade fever, sore throat and fatigue.

4) August 17 was my last day I worked. The symptoms I complained to Dr. Eck about on July 6 increased so bad, by days end I felt like I couldn't drive myself home. I asked a fellow employee to drive me home but they said no.

5) Via conference call with John Stroh and my supervisor Brian Heine on August 18 I informed them both that I wanted to file a DW-C-1 for exposure of dirty water that entered my wound. My request was ignored and symtmd

6) According to 2900.170 Salary Continuation for Qualified Workers Compensation Claims from the district policy handbook I will quote

"In the case of qualified on-the-job injuries that result in an employee becoming incapable of performing regular or limited duties, the District will provide the following schedule of salary continuation benefits:

(A) From zero (0) through five (5) years of full-time service an eligible employee will receive up to 30 days salary continued without charge to accumulate sick leave.
(B) From six (6) years through (10) years of full-time service, an eligible employee will receive up to 60 days salary continuation without charge to accumulate sick leave.

I should be eligible for this benefit.

7) In researching my past history with the District I noticed a pattern.

4/19/04	Date of Hire	Norm Hopkins first day, Both of us are referrals by Mary Herson	
6/9/04	Work-Comp Exposure to unknown chemical Discharged 6/30/2004 22 days released with chronic fatigue symptoms	Discharged 6/30/2004 22 days	released with chronic fatigue symptoms
1/18/05	Evaluation by Duane Bridgewater-zone assignment 7 Uden	written 1/6/2005 13 days	
1/26/05	Work-Comp Exposure-Discharged 1/31/2005 - 6 days-released with chronic fatigue symptoms	Discharged 1/31/2005 6 days	released with chronic fatigue symptoms
7/26/05	Evaluation by Duane Bridgewater-zone assignment 9 Island Area-written 7/15/2005 12 days	written 7/15/2005 12 days	
11/1/05	Work-Comp Exposure-Discharged 11/30/2005 29 days-Discharged 11/30/2005 29 days	Discharged 11/30/2005 29 days	Discharged 11/30/2005 29 days
7/18/06	Evaluation by Duane Bridgewater-zone assignment 9 Island Area-written 7/15/2005 12 days		

Here is a history and pattern I noticed while going through my personal records. I had three work-comp exposures during my employment with the district. In all three cases I broke out in severe rashes and then I was chronically sick. Because the treating physicians could only treat physical symptoms they could see with their eyes which happened to be severe rashes in all three cases I was released after the rashes were cleared up with the cortisone. As you can see some of these rashes lasted a near month. When the physical signs were gone I was then left to use my sick leave, vacation and accrued overtime to deal with the internal symptoms. But on all three evaluations given I was dingd on my abuse of sick leave. My supervisor at the time informed me his supervisor made him add those comments to my evaluation, which I believe is a violation. My supervisor then pointed out the time from which he wrote the evaluation to the time I signed it.

I am mentioning this because to date this is still an issue. I have had to use my sick leave, vacation time and overtime accrual for my work comp injury and true to form on my evaluation I received two weeks ago from supervisor Brian Heine I was dingd on my sick leave bank.

I want these concerns documented with all parties involved and I would like to know where I stand with regards to my benefits.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Anderson