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Tiffany Anderson 2 N. Avena Ave. Lodi, CA 95242 Employer: San Joaquin County MVCD

Claim #: VE0700184 Date of Injury: 06/19/2008

Notice of Potential Right to Supplemental Job Displacement Benefit

Dear Ms. Anderson:

If your injury causes permanent partial disability, which prevented you from returning to work within 60 days of the last payment of temporary disability, and the claims administrator has not provided you with a Form DWC-AD 10133.53 "Notice of Offer of Modified or Alternative Work," you may be eligible for a supplemental job displacement benefit in the form of a nontransferable voucher for education-related retraining or skill enhancement, or both, at state approved or accredited schools.

The amount of the voucher for the supplemental job displacement benefit will be as follows:

- Up to four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for a permanent partial disability award of less than 15%.
- Up to six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for a permanent partial disability award between 15 and 25%.
- Up to eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) for a permanent partial disability award between 26 and 49%.
- Up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for a permanent partial disability award between 50 and 99%.

A permanent partial disability award is issued by a Workers' Compensation Administrative Law Judge or the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board. You may also settle your potential eligibility for a voucher as part of a compromise and release settlement for a lump sum payment. Any settlement must be reviewed and approved by a Workers' Compensation Administrative Law Judge.

The voucher may be used for payment of tuition, fees, books, and other expenses required by the school for retraining or skill enhancement. Not more than 10 percent of the voucher moneys may be used for vocational or return to work counseling. A list of vocational return to work counselors is available on the Division of Workers' Compensation's website www.dir.ca.gov or upon request.

If you are eligible, and you have not already settled the benefit, you will receive the voice from the claims administrator within 25 calendar days from the date the permanent partial disability NOV 1 5 2011

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If modified or alternative work is available, you will receive a Form DWC-AD 10133.53 "Notice of Offer of Modified or Alternative Work" from the claims administrator within 30 days of the termination of temporary disability indemnity payments. The claims administrator will not be required to pay for supplemental job displacement benefits if the offer for modified or alternative work meets the following conditions:

- You have the ability to perform the essential functions of the job provided;
- The job provided is in a regular position lasting at least 12 months;
- The job provided offers wages and compensation that are at least 85 percent of those paid to you at the time of the injury.
- The job is located within reasonable commuting distance of your residence at the time of injury.

If there is a dispute regarding the Supplemental Job Displacement Benefit, the employee or claims administrator may file Form DWC-AD 10133.55 "Request for Dispute Resolution before the Administrative Director."

If you have a question or need more information, you can contact your employer or the claims administrator listed below. You can also contact a State Division of Workers' Compensation Information and Assistance Officer.

Sincerely

Mackenzie Dawson Claims Examiner

Cc: San Joaquin County MVCD