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October 5, 2009

Tiffany Kay Anderson 1516 Sylvan Way, Apt. 205 Lodi, CA 95242

Re:

Tiffany Anderson vs San Joaquin County.- Mosquito and Vector Control District

DOI:

06/19/2008

03/26/2009

07/02/2009

EAMS No:

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WCAB No:

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Claim No:

VE0700184

Dear Ms. Anderson:

I hope you are doing well. I just wanted to write to you to give you some additional information. Please make sure you tell your doctor about ALL of the problems or body parts that are part of your claim:

right knee

If this office forgot to add all of the body parts to your claim let us know.

If in the future you have ANY additional problems due to the industrial injury, please let the doctor know THEN let this office know so we can amend your claim.

For example, if you begin to feel depressed, or you are having side effects from any medicine, let your doctor know then let this office know.

In order for us to go forward with your case there must be a medical record of your telling your Doctor about the problems and or body parts. If you have any questions please let this office know.

Also if your doctor tells you that you may not be able to go back to your job, ask the doctor to send you for a functional capacity evaluation, and let this office know if the doctor says you may not be able to return to your job.

If you have health benefits from your employer or a spouse or partner, and the insurance company denies you any treatment use your health benefits from your employer or a spouse or partner.

Also, even if you are not getting workers compensation apply for state disability (EDD).

Please remember, a workers' compensation case is not a personal injury case. Return to work as soon as you can. Do not wait to finish your workers compensation case to return to work. You will not be compensated for pain and suffering, lost wages and/or lost benefits. Further, you do not get paid based on the length of time in treatment.

Finally, if you ever contact this office and you do not get the service you expect, you may always ask to be transferred to my extension, extension 12.

Enclosed herein please find copies of the Employee's Claim for Workers' Compensation Benefits and the Information Request Form which are being sent to your employer and workers' compensation carrier. Also, enclosed is a copy of the Application for Adjudication of Claim that is being filed with the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board. Please keep track of all doctor appointments so that you can receive reimbursement for your mileage. When the form has been completed, you can send it directly to the insurance adjuster handling your claim, be sure to print your name and provide your claim number on the form. If you do not receive your temporary disability check on time or your mileage reimbursement, you should call the adjuster directly. If you need additional forms, you may contact our office.

If you are unable to work, you should be receiving disability slips from your treating doctor. Please be aware that you will need to provide your employer with each disability slip your doctor completes for you. It is your responsibility to obtain a new disability slip each time your present slip is about to expire.

Please ask your doctor to send or fax the disability slip to your employer and the insurance company. If the employer and the insurance company do not have your disability slip, you will not receive temporary disability.

The insurance company and your employer will be watching to see if you are actually disabled. To receive temporary disability, you must be totally disabled. You cannot be working or have the ability to work. If your doctor releases you to work, you must try to return to work, unless you want to forego your worker's compensation benefits.

If you are receiving State Disability from The Employment Development Department (EDD), you must let this office know. If you are now receiving Social Security Disability or Social Security, or are planning to apply for same, please let this office know.

If you have any type of private medical coverage (or you are covered under a spouse's or significant other's medical coverage) and your worker's compensation claim is on delay or has been denied by the worker's compensation carrier for your employer, and you need medical care and/or attention, use your private medical coverage. Your private health insurance is normally required to pay for medical coverage on a denied or delayed workers compensation claim.

If you do use your private health insurance and or if you pay a co-pay for medical attention or treatment out of your pocket, save the receipts, as you may get reimbursed if your claim is late or accepted by the worker's compensation insurance carrier. Obviously, if you are having a medical emergency go to the nearest emergency room.

If you have any problem regarding the case which you need to discuss with me, please call the office and let one of my assistants or the receptionist know the nature of the problem. If you need to see me, please make an appointment. Unfortunately, this office will NOT handle drop-in clients.

Further, if you do not get a check for temporary disability or medical mileage on time, contact your treating doctor and make sure that he/she sent in a disability slip to the employer and the insurance company stating that you are still totally temporarily disabled. If your treating doctor has sent the disability slip, and you have not received your check, wait for five days and CONTACT THE INSURANCE COMPANY DIRECTLY. If the adjuster refuses to speak to you contact the adjuster's supervisor. It is not necessary to contact this office. Unfortunately, the insurance company cannot be responsible if the U.S. Post Office delays your check.

If your check is more than seven days late and you are not getting results with the insurance company, contact this office and inform one of my legal assistants of the problem. My assistant will then consult with me. It is not necessary to speak directly to me regarding a late check. Please do not forget to call the treating doctor first to make sure that the disability slip was sent to the employer and the insurance company. Remember NO DISABILITY SLIP, NO CHECK.

We will also need you to send in the following:

- W-2 for last five years, prior to your injuries for all jobs you worked. 1
- 2. Copy of your driver's license
- 3. Copy of your social security card.
- If you are on Social Security Disability, please bring or send in a COPY of the letter 4. approving your social security disability.
- 5. Copy of your Medicare card.
- If you received a letter from Social Security telling you your benefits, which list how much 6. you made in the years you paid into social security, please send in a copy of that letter.

Again, thank you for your confidence in our office and in our handling of your claim.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure