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Workers' Compensation Commission

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NOTICE ADVISORY

FORM 14B (PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT)

This a Commission Advisory Notice clarifying the requirements for filing a Form 14B (Physician's Statement).

Background

The Form 14B (Physician's Statement) was created as a result of the change in §42-15-60 in 2007. It is governed by Regulations 67-802 and 67-803. The change added paragraph (B) (1), which relates to continued medical care and treatment. For injuries occurring on or after July 1, 2007 the Form 14B must indicate whether or not future medical care and treatment will be required. This is a requirement for settlements on the Commission's Agreement for Permanent Disability/Disfigurement form.

Requirements

The Jurisdictional Commissioner requires a Form 14B or a physician's narrative report when considering Final Agreement and Release documents where the Claimant is not represented by Counsel. The 14B or the narrative report must indicate the need for future medical care and treatment in order to properly consider the agreement.

Form 14B or a narrative report from the treating physician is required for proper filing by the Defense to request stop payment of compensation citing the Claimant has reached maximum medical improvement.

A Form 14B is not required as documentation for the filing of a Form 21 (Employer's Request for Hearing).

If you have any questions regarding this notice or the proper filing of form or documents with the Commission, please contact Virginia Crocker, Judicial Director, (803) 737-5739 or vcrocker@wcc.sc.gov.