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SPECIAL PENNSYLVANIA WORKERS' COMP LAW ALERT

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NEW BUREAU WORKERS' COMPENSATION FORMS

Effective February 1, 2011, the Pennsylvania Bureau of Workers' Compensation has mandated the use of two new forms involving settlements via Compromise and Release Agreements. Prior forms will no longer be accepted as of that date.

New Form LIBC-755 – Compromise and Release Agreement by Stipulation Pursuant to Section 449 contains a number of changes, most significant are (1) clarification in paragraphs 5 through 10 of the type of benefits that are being settled and the specific amount of wage loss, specific loss and medical benefits that have been paid and which are to be paid in the settlement; and (2) a specific paragraph (14) for addressing Medicare's interest in accordance with the Medicare Secondary Payer Statute.

New Form LIBC-749 – Death Claim Supplement to Compromise and Release Agreement must be used along with LIBC-755 for settlement of death claims. The form requires information about the widow or widower, children, dependency and guardians for a child or dependent.

In addition, Form LIBC-337 - Supplemental Agreement for Compensation for Disability or Permanent Injury has been amended effective December 2010, which eliminates the section for multiple periods of partial compensation and adds an instruction for further matters agreed upon to list any previously unreported periods of compensation and/or actions, as well as additional information.

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