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SPECIAL PENNSYLVANIA WORKERS' COMP LAW ALERT

Important Change in Pennsylvania Fee Review Cases

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We have just learned that all fee review cases will now be under the jurisdiction of Workers' Compensation Judges and will no longer be handled by a separate hearing officer in Harrisburg. The cases will be split between the eastern, central and western parts of the Commonwealth with hearings being located in certain Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Harrisburg offices.

Our firm has pinpointed the problems associated with the fee review system and the negative impact it has had on the carriers. We have developed a practice in Pennsylvania where our fee review attorneys become involved on your behalf at the initiation of the fee review process and aggressively represent your interests through the fee review hearings. We are proud that we have had many dismissals of provider fee review petitions before the matters ever reached a formal hearing.

With this change in the practice, it is imperative that you be adequately represented from the inception of a review petition. Each of our Pennsylvania offices has at least one designated attorney to handle such petitions. Attorneys in each of our Pennsylvania offices have extensive experience with the issues that arise and have a thorough understanding of CPT codes, appropriate levels of treatment, appropriate types of treatment and how to win these cases in a way that is efficient and cost effective. This process requires aggressive advocacy, and we are here to serve your needs. Contact any of our attorneys with your fee review cases.

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