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PRACTICE DIRECTIVE #10

TREATMENT PRIOR TO ENTITLEMENT DETERMINATION

BACKGROUND

1. Under current policy, RSCM item #75.11 and procedure CAH 070-007, where an injured worker is referred to the Rehab Centre prior to the adjudication of his/her claim, admittance is authorized pending adjudication.
2. Where a claim for such a worker is subsequently disallowed or rejected, the Rehab Centre costs are charged to ACCOUNT # 050100.
3. The SEC and the Division wishes to ensure that all injuries be considered for early referral to treatment programs.
4. This Directive is intended to provide guidance on the handling of pre-adjudication treatment that the Board directs the worker to attend. This Directive replaces Section CAH 070-007 of the Adjudication Handbook (Admit Pre-adjudication Procedure).

DIRECTIVE

1. The Rehab Centre identifies and contacts workers who are candidates for early referral. The attending physician is also contacted for approval.
2. If referral to a treatment program is approved, the worker is directed by staff to report for treatment.
3. If the claim has not yet been adjudicated, the Rehab Centre will contact the relevant Board officer and advise that:
 - (a) referral will be delayed for one week.
 - (b) the deferred referral will be cancelled if the adjudicator advises that the claim is disallowed or is likely to be disallowed.

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4. Where treatment is authorized by the Rehab Centre and the claim is subsequently disallowed/rejected, all parties are advised in the usual fashion and costs for the authorized treatment program are charged to account number 050100, currently set up for this purpose.
5. Workers whose treatment program is initiated prior to adjudication and then discontinued as a result of a disallow/rejection, will be assisted by the Rehab Centre in making alternate arrangements.