Division of Workers’ Compensation posts updated text only versions of fact sheets

30 day grace period for use of new fact sheets also applies

The Division of Workers’ Compensation (DWC) recently posted a series of updated fact sheets for injured workers on its Web site and has now added "text only" versions. "Text only" versions allow claims administrators to incorporate the updated material into their own systems. Only the text is required for compliance. The division is providing a 30-day grace period from Dec. 17 to use the revised fact sheets to allow sufficient time to implement the changes.

The updated fact sheets provide injured workers with answers to frequently asked questions about issues affecting their benefits. The primary change to these fact sheets was to put them into a graphic format. Other minor changes to the text include the following general changes:

- For consistency, the term claims administrator was used instead of insurance company
- A DWC purpose statement was added
- Language related to Information and Assistance Unit (I&A) services was streamlined.

Specific changes to fact sheets:

1. Utilization review (UR) fact sheet: The statement about the medical treatment utilization schedule (MTUS) was streamlined and information on finding the MTUS on the DWC Web site was updated
2. Uninsured Employers Benefits Trust Fund (UEBTF) fact sheet: Language was streamlined and the statement related to vocational rehabilitation benefits was eliminated.

No changes—outside the general changes listed above—were made to the substance of the qualified medical evaluator (QME) fact sheet, the temporary disability (TD) fact sheet or the permanent disability (PD) fact sheet.

The updated fact sheets, including the text only versions, are available in English and Spanish and can be found on the I&A Unit Web page.

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