

MEDICINE of THE HIGHEST ORDER

Is your visit due to a work related injury?

We understand that you may have suffered an injury that has been determined to be compensable through the New York State Worker's compensation System. We also realize you may have had a prior evaluation and treatment of your condition from other health care providers. This letter clarifies the capabilities and the limitations of our program prior to your evaluation.

We are committed to providing you with a thorough evaluation of your injury, an accurate diagnosis of your condition, an opinion regarding the causality of your injury and an assessment of the level of disability in accordance with New York State Worker's Compensation Guidelines.

- 1) Please be advised that our opinion of your disability or causality will be based on the NYS WCB guidelines. However, our evaluation or rating may differ from those you have received elsewhere. This differing determination may result in a reduced level of payment for your compensable injury.
- 2) We are unable to assess you purely for the purposes of legal documents, litigation, or in an attempt by you to change determinations previously made by the workmen's compensation board.
- 3) We are pleased to see you for an evaluation; however, after that evaluation we may be unable to assume primacy for the care of your compensable injury. If you wish to be seen by us, you must understand and accept this limitation.
- 4) If we do decide to become responsible for your care, we generally do not prescribe narcotics for work related injuries. Our policy is in accordance with standard evidence-based medical care. Consequently, we will not assume the prescription of narcotics from other healthcare providers who have treated your condition.

We look forward to meeting you and providing the best evaluation and treatment possible for your injury. If you do not agree with this, please call (585) 275-5321 to cancel your already scheduled appointment.

Sincerely,

The Physicians at URMC Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation