Petitions For Medical Treatment

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WC-PMT

Petition to Show Cause: Medical Treatment/Testing Recommended by Authorized Medical Provider

- The WC-PMT gives the claimant the opportunity to ask for a conference call with an administrative law judge (ALJ) to obtain approval for a test or medical treatment that has been prescribed by a licensed healthcare professional.
- Prior to requesting a PMT conference call, the claimant must give the employer/insurer the medical request at least five business days in advance, according to the WC-PMT.
- Following receipt of the form by the Board, an ALJ conference call will be arranged, and all parties will get an email notice of the telephonic conference.
- The employer/insurer may choose to authorize or reject the recommended treatment by filing a reply to the PMT after receiving the WC-PMT notification.
- The insurer or employer is required to provide an explanation for the controvert if the treatment is refused. There will be no phone call with the ALJ if the employer/insurer approves or disputes the treatment.
- Both parties must take part in the conference call with the ALJ in case the employer or insurer needs more information before approving or disputing the medical treatment. This will allow the employer or insurer to provide justification for the treatment's denial as of the conference call.
- The ALJ has the option to approve or reject the desired therapy during the conference call. The employer or insurer must file a WC14 Request for Hearing opposing the ALJ's interlocutory order within 20 days if the ALJ grants treatment over the employer's or insurer's objection. It will be assumed that you agree to pay the required treatment/testing costs in line with the price schedule if you fail to file a WC-14.

WC-PMT(b)

Petition to Show Cause: Medical Treatment/Employee's Failure to Attend Medical Appointment With ATP

- The claimant may seek a conference call with the ALJ under WC-PMT(b) in order to provide an explanation for missing a scheduled medical appointment with an approved treating physician (ATP).
- The insurer or employer must confirm that the claimant or the claimant's lawyer received notice of the medical appointment at least five business days in advance.
- The claimant needs to have missed the appointment in order for the WC-PMT(b) to be filed, and any necessary supporting evidence needs to be included.
- The claimant may choose to forego a conference call by stating that they will attend the rescheduled in-person appointment, along with the name of the treating physician, the appointment time, and date.
- The conference call will be canceled upon claimant's confirmation that they will attend the at-issue appointment.
- Income payments may be suspended in the event that the claimant misses the at-issue appointment. In the event that the claimant does not show up for the appointment as per a Board order or as agreed upon by the claimant, the insurer or employer may submit a WC-PMT(b) together with a completed Petition to Suspend Benefits for Missing Medical Appointment with an ATP is found in Section D. In Section D, a conference call with the ALJ is requested, during which the claimant or the claimant's legal representative must provide justification for the continuation of income assistance.
- Use the PMT(b) to try to get a Board order compelling the employee to attend the appointment or risk having their income benefits suspended if the claimant is not showing up for medical visits.
- If a claimant fails to show up for a scheduled independent medical examination (IME), this procedure shouldn't be used.