



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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To: Agency Liaisons and State of Connecticut Employees

From: Robert Giuditta, Director of the DAS Statewide Workers' Compensation Division

Subject: Workers' Compensation Medical Treatment & New Initial Treatment Provider Network Guidelines

The State of Connecticut has an approved Managed Care Plan filed with the Connecticut Workers' Compensation Commission. Under this plan, we are required to pay for reasonable and necessary medical costs of a workplace injury or illness where services are rendered by an approved provider, with no charge to the employee.

In addition, DAS Statewide Workers' Compensation Division in partnership with Gallagher Bassett and the Prime PPO Network is pleased to announce the roll out of a new initial treatment provider network effective July 1, 2017. We have aligned ourselves with 10 occupational medical providers throughout the State to provide the best quality care and convenience for our employee's workers' compensation injuries. It is important to note that several State agencies and facilities already have identified an Initial Treatment Provider within the Workers' Compensation network and within close proximity to them.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Sec. 31-294d entitled "Medical and surgical aid, Hospital ambulatory surgical center and nursing service" of the Workers' Compensation Act:

- The employer is responsible for initial medical treatment at a designated office or facility. The injured employee is required to attend the initial visit with one of the designated initial treatment providers as identified by their employer. If the injured employee chooses *not* to visit the designated initial treatment provider or treats outside the Workers' Compensation provider network, they may risk suspension of their benefits per order of the Workers' Compensation Commission.
- The injured employee may choose an attending physician **AFTER the initial visit** from the State of CT Workers Compensation provider network. An injured employee whose employer does participate in an approved medical care plan must choose a physician from the list of doctors included in that plan.

Instructions for Accessing Initial Treatment Provider Network

- Agency Liaisons should assist facilities with identifying initial treatment providers in their areas.
- The initial treatment provider network can be found on the DAS Workers' Compensation website - <http://ct.primehealthservices.com/search>
- This memorandum should be communicated with all employees and the staff workers' compensation representative at each agency facility.
- A list of initial treatment providers should be posted at all State facilities
- If you have any questions, please contact the State's Workers' Compensation Third Party Administrator, Gallagher Bassett, at 1-866-422-4622, your Agency Workers' Compensation liaison or the Department of Administrative Services at 1-860-713-5002.