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May 22, 1998

Lorenzo Abundiz


Date of Injury: 02/24/1998, 5/12/98 CT

Dear Mr. Abundiz:

I am handling your claim for workers' compensation benefits on behalf of the City.

After careful consideration of all available information, I have concluded that your workers' compensation claim for benefits is not compensable. your claim is being denied because the condition you have, "Right Axillary Mass" represents a "Sarcoma tumor", which is a non-industrial condition, and is not a muscle type injury.

I have attached a copy of your medical file you should provide to your HMO primary care doctor which includes a medical status from Dr. Paul Grodin. This internal specialist is recommending that your HMO provider refer you to an Oncologist that deals specifically with Sarcoma surgeries and is strongly suggesting a referral to UCLA Medical Center or John Wayne Medical Center for surgical resection/recovery. Based on our phone conversation today, I have informed you that time is of essence.

The medical examinations through today's date, which includes diagnostic workup will be paid for by the City since that was a diagnostic examination only to determine whether or not the condition was industrial and does not constitute treatment under workers' compensation.

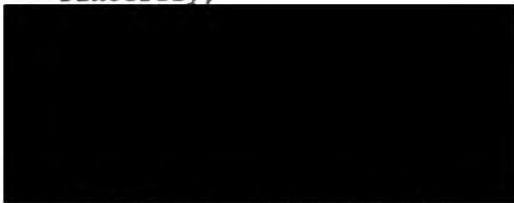
Please be advised that in accordance with Labor Code Section 5405, you have one (1) year from the date of this denial in which to pursue any benefits for

this claimed injury or you will be administratively barred from further action.

The State of California requires that you be given the following information; If you disagree with the decision, you may consult with a State Information and Assistance Officer at 1-800-736-7401 or call your local Information and Assistance Officer at (714)383-4522. You may also consult with and be represented by an attorney, and/or apply to have your case heard by the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board.

If you have any questions or wish additional information, you may call me at (714)647-5319.

Sincerely,



Enclosure: Medical File

cc: Dr. Robert E. McCoy, 1211 W. La Palma Ave, #409, Anaheim, CA 92801
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