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January 10, 2019

Date of Injury:
Employee:

Dear

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NOTICE OF DECISION**

Your claim to continue receiving medical benefits and/or wage loss compensation is approved at the present time based on the Independent Medical Evaluation performed by Dr. in his report dated

You are employed as a with the
You alleged that on you were injured when your
chair was bumped from behind with a bag by a fellow causing upper back and neck
pain. Your claim was accepted for Neck Sprain under ICD-9 Code 847.0.

On 10/12/2017, this Office sent you a Proposed Termination Decision based on the fact that the medical condition of Neck Sprain would have resolved at this point.

On 01/11/2018, this Office issued a Final Termination Decision on your case. Though you had submitted documentation, it was felt that it was insufficient to substantiate your claim.

On 01/18/2018, your attorney, Paul H. Felser, submitted an appeal of the Final Termination Decision.

On 05/30/2018, the Hearing remanded the claim back to this Office with instructions. Based on those instructions we were to reopen the claim which was done; send you a Form CA-1032 which was done; and refer you to a Referee for an independent medical evaluation which was done.

Based on the documentation from the Referee Examiner, Dr. he has opined that your Neck Sprain resolved long ago and the Cervical Radiculopathy medical condition needed to be added to the claim as another valid condition.

If you have a disability and are in need of communication assistance (such as alternate formats or sign language interpretation), accommodation(s) and/or modification(s), please contact OWCP.

File Number:
CA-1008 (New Condition)-D-ACC

This DECISION will serve to show that the accepted medical conditions in your Federal Workers' Compensation claim have been updated. Your claim has been accepted for the following additional condition: Cervical Radiculopathy under ICD-10 Code M54.12. A list of all accepted conditions in your case is below.

Diagnosed conditions

CERVICAL RADICULOPATHY
NECK SPRAIN - HERBY RESOLVED

ICD codes

ICD-10 M54.12
ICD-09 847.0

Please advise medical providers treating you of the newly accepted condition with ICD code(s). Accurate coding facilitates timely bill processing. If the current accepted condition needs revising or additional complications related to the current accepted condition need adding, your physician should explain in writing, with medical rationale, the relationship between additional condition(s) and the work injury or the current accepted condition noted above.

As a reminder, OWCP must approve in advance any surgery or procedure other than emergency surgery (that is, a procedure which must be performed right away to preserve life or the function of an organ or body part). You (or your medical provider) should contact OWCP for authorization at least 30 days before the intended date of the procedure. We will advise you of the information needed to determine whether OWCP can authorize the requested procedure. Medical providers should contact our medical authorization and bill processing contractor (Conduent) for all authorizations and billing questions. Automated information is available 24 hours per day at 1-866-335-8319 or online at <http://owcpmed.dol.gov>. The medical authorization fax line is 1-800-215-4901. If you, your physician, or other medical providers require direct contact with a customer service representative, you may call 1-844-493-1966, Monday – Friday, 8am – 8pm EST.

If you have any questions regarding your claim, you may contact the Office at the phone number and address listed above. Note that you can also view your case and compensation claim status, billing updates including reimbursements, coverage limitations, and other information on line via the Claimant Query System (CQS) at <http://owcpmed.dol.gov>. General information can be obtained on the Department of Labor website at <http://www.dol.gov/owcp/dfec/index.htm>.

Sincerely,

Division of Federal Employees' Compensation

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