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CA-1008 TI-D-ACC

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

OFFICE OF WORKERS' COMP PROGRAMS  
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November 08, 2019

Date of Injury:  
Employee:

Dear Ms.

This is to notify you that your claim for a traumatic injury on \_\_\_\_\_ has been accepted for the following condition:

<u>Diagnosed condition</u>	<u>ICD-10 code</u>
SPRAIN OF OTHER SPECIFIED PARTS OF THORAX	S238XXA

**Please advise all medical providers who are treating you for this injury of the accepted ICD-10 code(s). Accurate coding facilitates timely bill processing.**

If the current accepted condition(s) need to be revised or additional complications related to the current accepted condition(s) need to be added, your physician should explain in writing, with medical rationale, the relationship between any additional condition and the work injury or the current accepted condition(s) noted above.

If your injury results in lost time from work, you may be eligible to receive continuation of pay (COP) until you recover or return to light duty, up to a maximum of 45 calendar days; however, you may be subject to the three-day waiting period mandated by the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (Public Law 109-435). If wage loss continues after your entitlement to COP expires, you may claim compensation using Form CA-7.

The evidence in your case file at this time indicates that you may not have returned to work in a full-time capacity. OWCP is not a retirement program and our primary goals are your medical recovery and return to full-duty employment. We strive for an active team approach where OWCP, the employing agency, and the medical providers work collaboratively with you to facilitate medical recovery and sustainable return to work. Your case is currently being evaluated to determine what steps we can take to help you achieve these goals.

***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.***

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Please refer to the attachment entitled "Now That Your Claim Has Been Accepted" for important information pertaining to how to contact us, medical authorizations, payment of bills, and returning to work.

Sincerely,

Division of Federal Employees' Compensation

Enclosure: NOW THAT YOUR CLAIM HAS BEEN ACCEPTED

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SUITE 102  
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**NOTICE TO EMPLOYING AGENCY:**

If Form CA-7 claiming compensation for wage loss is filed, you are reminded that 20 C.F.R. §10.111(c) requires the submission of a CA-7 within 5 working days. Please fully complete any form submitted and provide contact information to avoid delay of payment.

It is noted that you challenged this claim on the basis that the employee took the unstable chair out of the storage room to sit on it however an employee's carelessness or failure to follow safety rules, which results in injury, does not preclude entitlement to coverage under the FECA. Coverage is provided for carelessness, except if it can be shown that the employer prohibited the employee's careless act, the employee was fully aware of the prohibition, and the prohibition was enforced.