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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

The restrictions on movement and social interaction that have been caused by the Covid-19 virus have been substantially alleviated by widespread vaccination. As such, the provisions of WCC Covid-19 Closure Memo 2 are hereby altered or eliminated as follows:

Giving of Notices.

The rule made effective as of March 9, 2020 allowing notices pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 24 of the MPTN Workers Compensation Code to be served by regular mail or fax transmission is hereby revoked effective as of the close of business on June 30, 2021. As of July 1, 2021 all notices must be served in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2, Section 24. This includes Notices of Claim pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 4a, Notices to Contest pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 4b, Notices to Discontinue and objections thereto pursuant to Chapter 2, Sections 9b, 10, 16.

Temporary Partial Benefits/Job Searches.

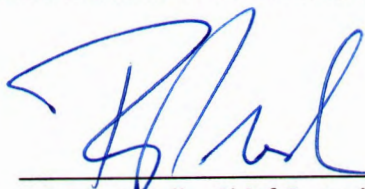
Effective July 1, 2021 the requirement for an injured workers' to search for work so as to document entitlement to benefits under Chapter 4, Section 12a shall return to the standards in place prior to the issuance of WCC Covid 19 Closing Memo 2. Disputes concerning the proper level and nature of searches required should be scheduled for a hearing. This change applies to injured workers currently receiving benefits under Chapter 4, Section 12a with job searches as well as any individuals placed no job search status from the date of this memorandum forward.

Settlement Approvals.

Settlement approval hearings will take place in person commencing with dockets for July 2021. Parties may still request that hearings take place without the presence of the injured worker where the injured worker no lives out of state or is otherwise unable to attend, in which case the affidavit procedure should be followed.

Notarization of Documents.

Rules for notarization of documents shall continue to be governed by the provisions of any Executive Orders issued by Governor Lamont in the State of Connecticut and and revocations of said orders.



Brian E. Prindle, Chief Commissioner

Dated: June 9, 2021