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SUPERIOR & COMPREHENSIVE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION

Alpine Steel
Attn: Darlene and Randy

Claims report:

Atilano Baez-per Alpine Steel, Mr. Baez has chosen to refuse modified duty. Dr. Grondel is treating Mr. Baez for a fractured tibia and on September 22, 2000 took him off work. Therefore, by law, we will have to pay compensation from 9/22 forward until Mr. Baez is given some type of release. Melissa will talk to Dr. Grondel and push for a work release with restrictions of some type. Thereafter, if Mr. Baez refuses to perform modified duty, his compensation will be suspended.

Ted Farrell-per Mr. Farrell, he was given full dty release. Dr. Steven Thomas did release Mr. Farrell to full dty as of September 18, 2000. I have enclosed the release for your files. Mr. Farrell will have a permanent partial disability evaluation in the near future to determine percentage of disability for his shoulder. There is some limitation in the range of motion.

John Messing-S&C Claims did not receive the C-4 from UMC Trauma until October 2, 2000. The claim is set up, and Melissa will review and can have a compensation check ready for Mr. Messing by Friday, October 6, 2000. That will be a check for ten days and he will have compensation every two weeks after that. As far as the subrogation aspect, I am told by H.J. Shumake of Risk Services that there were engineering problems and that the general contractor as well as the concrete contractor probably both bear some responsibility. Once a report is completed, we will turn the data over to Dan Schwartz, legal counsel, to determine if subrogation is possible.

David Garcia-as you know, David Garcia has a full duty release as a result of surveillance. We are expecting litigation regarding the full duty release and the closure of the claim without a PPD. So far, no appeal has been filed.

Martin Garcia-Mr. Garcia is treating with Dr. Stewart for fracture of the elbow. Dr. Stewart has given restrictions of no use of the arm. Mr. Garcia was paid compensation until September 19, 2000, when Alpine notified us that they were able to provide modified duty. Dr. Stewart has not rescinded the restricted release at this time and therefore no compensation will be paid, even though Mr. Garcia chooses not to work modified duty.



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Craig Charles- Mr. Charles will definitely have permanent restrictions from his injury. Mr. Charles will not be eligible for vocational rehabilitation since his residence is out of state. Alpine Steel will be under no obligation to return Mr. Charles to permanent modified work.

Lynn Alsop- Mr. Alsop, as you indicated, has been laid off. Prior to that time, Mr. Alsop had been returned to work full duty. Mr. Alsop then appealed the full duty release, and the hearing officer remanded us to set up a one time consult with Dr. Canale to determine Mr. Alsop's work restrictions. Dr. Canale saw Mr. Alsop on August 18, 2000 and determined that he should be retrained and could not return to work. We have appealed that determination. In the interim, we were advised by legal counsel, Dan Schwartz, to have a job site analysis done. You need to make sure that a good job site analysis of Mr. Alsop's former job is performed. Please call Robbie at Jean Hanna Clark to schedule, 388-3566. If this analysis shows that Mr. Alsop could perform his regular duties, this claim will be closed for good. There was an appeal date set for October 4, 2000, but I would expect that this date will be continued.

Jill Schreiner
Operations Manager



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SUPERIOR & COMPREHENSIVE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION

August 22, 2001

Bevins Chue, MD
222 Lead Street
Henderson, NV 89015

RE: Claimant: Atilano Baez
DOI: 9/11/2000
Claim#: SCC0107333
Employer: Alpine Steel, LLC

Dear Dr. Chue,

The above-injured worker is scheduled to see you on Monday, August 27, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Baez care is being transferred to you. On 9/11/2000 while working for the above employer, Mr. Baez suffered a right knee injury. He has been under the care of Dr. Jeff Grondel. Because of continued complaints regarding the knee, his care is being transferred to you. Mr. Baez will also be seeing Dr. Joseph Schifini on 8/29/2001 per Dr. Grondel's recommendations for possible pain management.

Please note that Mr. Baez's back is not an accepted part of this claim. You will be addressing the right knee only. At this time I will need for you to address the following questions.

1. Has the claimant reached maximum medical improvement?
2. If not, what further medical treatment is warranted?
3. Can he return to his pre injury job as a welder? If not, why not?
4. List work restrictions, are they permanent?
5. Do you feel Mr. Baez has suffered any ratable permanent impairment in regards to the above industrial injury?

Enclosed for your review are copies of the medicals. If you need anything further regarding this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa C. Blythe".

Melissa C. Blythe
Sr. Claims Examiner

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Atilano Baez
Alpine Steel, LLC



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SUPERIOR & COMPREHENSIVE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION

October 3, 2001

Atilano Baez
1512 N 21st Street #7
Las Vegas, NV 89101

RE: Claim#: SCC0107333
DOI: 9/11/2000
Employer: Alpine Steel, LLC

Dear Mr. Baez,

I am in receipt of your request received in our office on September 26, 2001 asking for another medical opinion and a permanent partial disability evaluation. As you are well aware a notice of intention to close claim and closure letter indicating that there was no permanent impairment was sent to you on 8/30/2001 with appeal rights.

Even though it was sent to the wrong address in the beginning, it was resent to you at your correct address within the 70 days to appeal.

I am denying your request for another medical opinion and your request for a permanent partial disability evaluation. This is based on the fact that Dr. Chu and Dr. Schinifi both stated you were at maximum medical improvement and there was no permanent impairment.

You will need to appeal from my letter to you of 8/30/2001, as your appeal rights have not expired.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Melissa C. Blythe'.

Melissa C. Blythe
Sr. Claims Examiner.

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August 29, 2001

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Bevins Chue, M.D.
222 Lead Street
Henderson, NV 89015

RE: Atilano Baez; 675-80-9028; W/C SCC0107333
DOI: September 11, 2000

Dear Dr. Chue:

This is just a brief letter to inform you that I had the opportunity to see your patient Atilano Baez today in consultation and have discussed the following evaluation and treatment plan with him. As you know, Mr. Baez has a work related injury which occurred on September 11, 2000, in which he had a proximal fracture to his right fibula. Since the time of the injury, he has had right lower extremity pain. He has been treated conservatively and has even had right knee arthroscopy. Unfortunately, the two orthopaedic surgeons who have been involved in his care have been unable to identify any significant pathology which would contribute to his continued pain. He was referred to me for further suggestions regarding his pain.

After taking a thorough history and physical exam, I do feel that Mr. Baez has probably reached maximal medical improvement in regards to his right knee. He continues to use crutches to help him ambulate, even though these were not recommended by physicians. He is also having complaints of upper back, mid back and low back pain, which is probably a direct result from the use of these crutches. He does have some spasm in this area, which I feel is nonindustrial. Therefore, I would recommend performing a Functional Capacity Evaluation and closing his claim related to his right knee. I do not have any further treatment planned for him. He will be referred back to you for final disposition. Please feel free to contact me regarding his care.

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Schifini, M.D.

cc: Melissa Blythe/Claims Examiner/S & C Claims

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SUPERIOR & COMPREHENSIVE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION

December 26, 2002

Vladimir Schwartzman MD
4275 S Burnham Ave., Suite 360
Las Vegas, NV 89119

RE: Claimant: Atilano Baez
DOI: 9/11/2000
Claim#: SCC0107333
Employer: Alpine Steel

Dear Dr. Schwartzman,

The above is scheduled to see you on Monday, December 30, 2002 at 8:45 a.m. for an Independent Medical Evaluation. You will be evaluating the right knee injury only. This claim is currently in litigation and we will need the following questions answered.

1. Do you feel Mr. Baez has reached maximum medical in regards to the above industrial injury?
2. If not, what further medical treatment is warranted at this time?
3. Is there any reason why he could not return to his pre injury job as a welder?
4. Can we proceed with a permanent partial disability evaluation?

Enclosed for your review are copies of his medical records. If you need anything further regarding this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa C. Blythe".

Melissa C. Blythe
Sr. Claims Examiner

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Kenneth Sheehan, Esq.
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