

Compensation Corner

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Details are essential for an occupational disease claim. Here are some key points to remember:

When filing a claim for workers compensation you will need to develop two different types of employee statements.

One will be a detailed description of your job duties for your doctor to refer to. Keep in mind that most people have no idea how our job is performed so avoid postal phrases such as “case my mail” or “T-6”. This statement will help your doctor understand your job duties and therefore determine if your injury is work related.

The second statement should focus on what parts of your job you believe to be responsible for either causing or aggravating the medical condition you are filing the claim for.

Do not delay submitting the CA-2 (Claim for an Occupational Disease Form) if you have not completed your employee statement. Rather, submit the CA-2 as soon as your doctor has indicated that your injury is or may be work related. In such cases explain in box 16 and 17 you are still working on your statement and that you will be making a doctor’s appointment to get the doctor’s narrative.

Your supervisor completes the reverse of the CA-2, items 19-35. They are required to complete the receipt portion and give it to the employee. The supervisor is also required to copy the entire form, after they have completed their portion, and give that copy to the employee within two working days.

Next month I will have more about the employee's statement.

Stay Safe!!!