

USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION PRACTICE

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TRENDS IN TECHNOLOGY: HOW DID WE GET HERE?



1971: first e-mail sent

1985: first domain name registered

1993: first AOL instant message sent

1994: first banner ad

1995: first item sold on e-bay/amazon

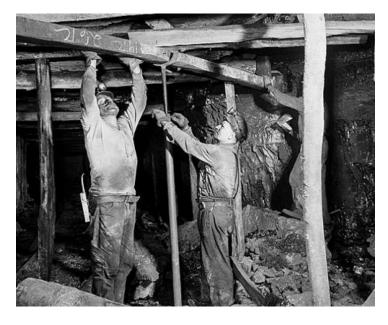
2003: first skype

2005: e-mail goes mobile

the guardian. com/technology/2016/mar/07/email-ray-tomlins on-history

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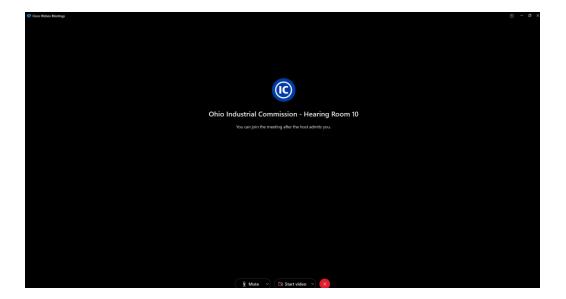


THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF OHIO Grove City, Ohio \$3123 This matter came on for hearing before Hearing Officer ______Michnel. McCond this date on the question of allowance of the claim. Notices were mailed to the claimant; the employer, their respective representatives, and the Administrator of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation not less than 14 days prior to this date. The following were present at the hearing. For the Claimant: FINDINGS For the Employer: SEP 1 0 1984 MAILED Claiment was injured while lifting box too heavy and pulled back-It is therefore ordered that the claim be allowed for: Lumbosacral strain. That medical bills be paid in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation and the Industrial Commission. That the following compensation be awarded: Temporary Total Componentian in to be prid from 3_715-04 through 4-6-04 and to continue upon submission of medical priof. Further compensation to be considered upon the filling of a supplemental report by the attending physician and compensation awarded based on the medical reports of Dr. Ratility. It is further the finding of the Hearing Officer that the following alleged disabilities are not the result of the Employer LAW DIRECTOR JOHN T. CAMPLON The order herein is based on the claimant's application, evidence in the file and/or evidence adduced at the

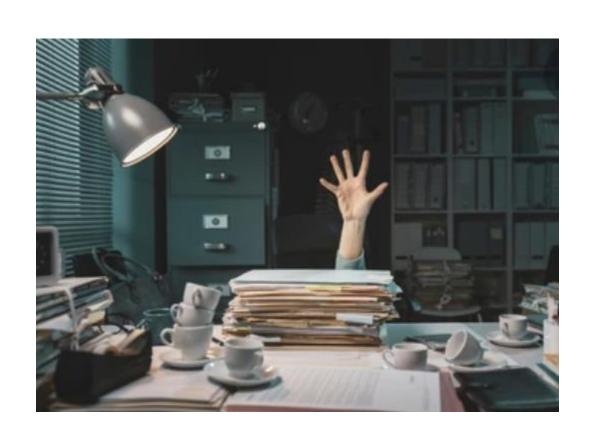
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TRENDS IN TECHNOLOGY: HOW DID WE GET HERE?

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	Industrial Commission rtial resolution of workers' compensation appeals FO ICON CONTACT FORMS IC POLICIES THE APPEALS PROCESS						
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Proxy	Kranstuber,Charles W 495 S High St Ste 400						
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Password Recovery	Claim Number						
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Document Download	Find a Claim						
IC Contacts	Find a claim you represent by entering the claim number or the injured worker's Social Security Number or the injured worker's first initial and last name into the appropriate search boxes below.						
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PAPER FILING SYSTEM V. CLOUD-BASED OR "PAPERLESS" SYSTEM





BENEFITS TO A PAPERLESS OFFICE

- strengthened document security and confidentiality
- easy access to data
- decreased carbon footprint
- automatic data retention and digital backups
- less expensive client communication
- financially more cost-effective
- reduced daily data storage and supply costs
- increased customer service
- more time spent on important tasks

BENEFITS TO A PAPER OFFICE/CONS OF A PAPERLESS OFFICE

- "old habits die hard"
- potential hackers
- hardware or software issues
- expensive to upgrade
- health issues
- dangerous for the environment
- professionalism
- the impression of 24/7 availability

USE OF TECHNOLOGY THROUGHOUT THE LIFE OF A CLAIM

inception of the claim

- paperwork can be sent via docusign or other website to avoid in-person meetings (client not vaccinated, has bad injury and can't walk, fear of downtown area, etc.)
- can still meet in person! But file can be prepped and reviewed (for state fund claims) prior to client arrival with use of electronically-signed R2
- R2 can be faxed in to the Bureau no option for e-filing right now.
- for self-insured claims, files can be requested by email and received by email (e.g., zip drive, .pdf attachment).

hearing representation

- attendance at hearings can be virtual or in-person
- pros and cons?
- recent update from Chairman Jim Hughes

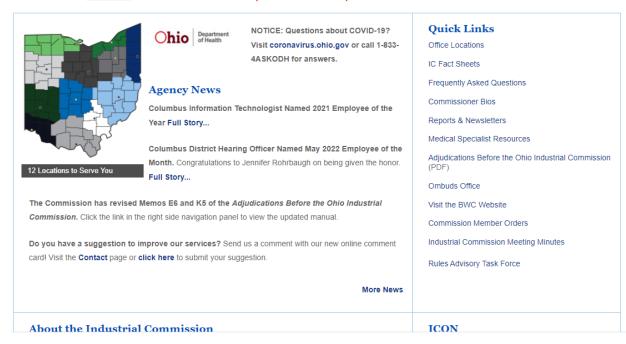
USE OF TECHNOLOGY THROUGHOUT THE LIFE OF A CLAIM

- client communication
 - text, e-mail, phone calls, snail mail
- court proceedings
 - depositions, mediations, etc. by zoom
 - online e-filing of pleadings
- receipt of compensation
 - still mostly a paper process
 - bank scanners?
- closure of the claim
 - settlement documents e-sign or original signature?
 - online notaries

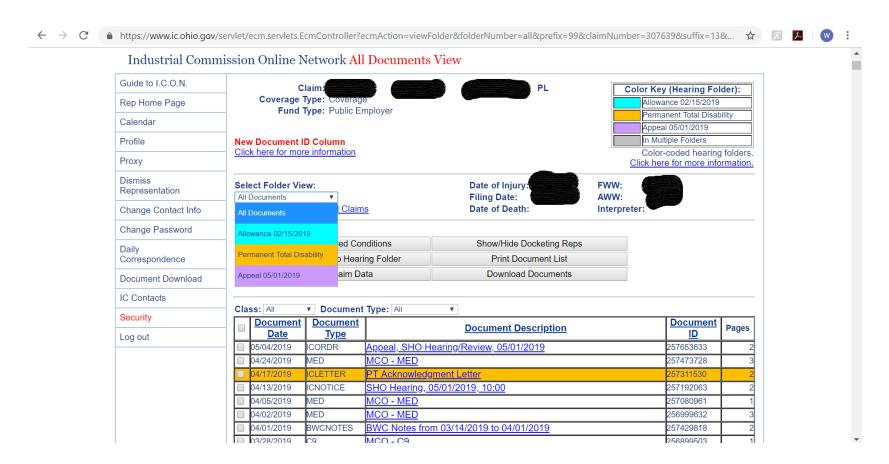
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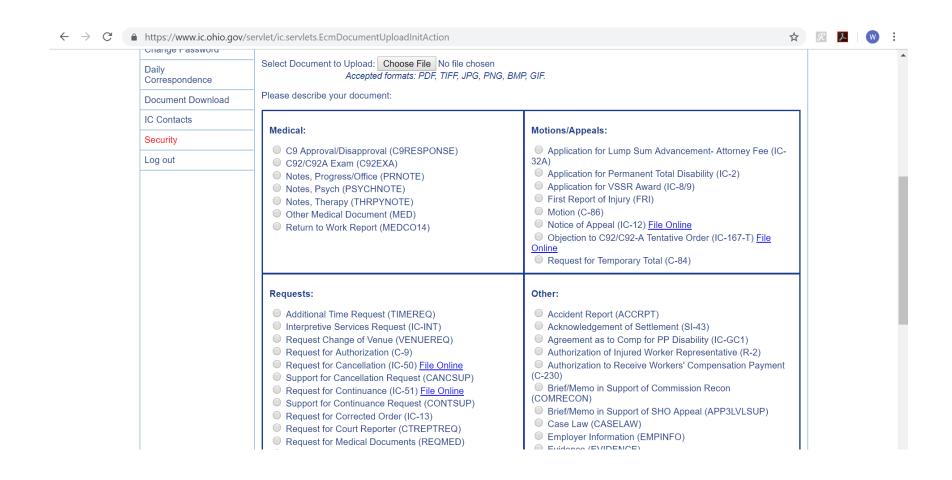


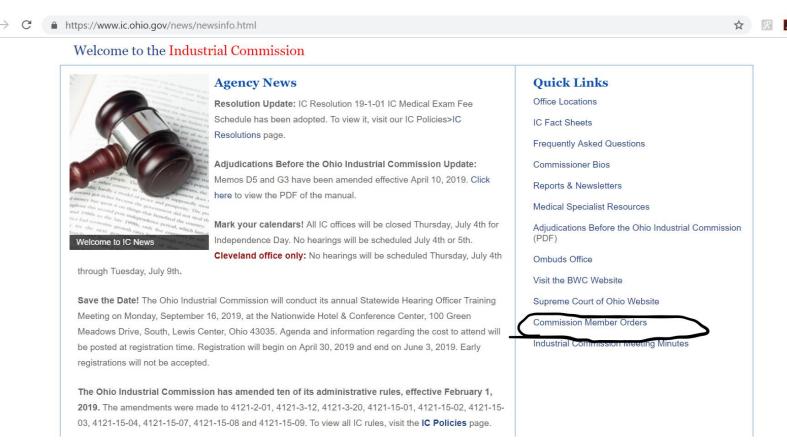
Ohio Industrial Commission will return to in-person hearings effective July 6, 2021. Please <u>click here</u> for additional information (UPDATED 7/2/2021).

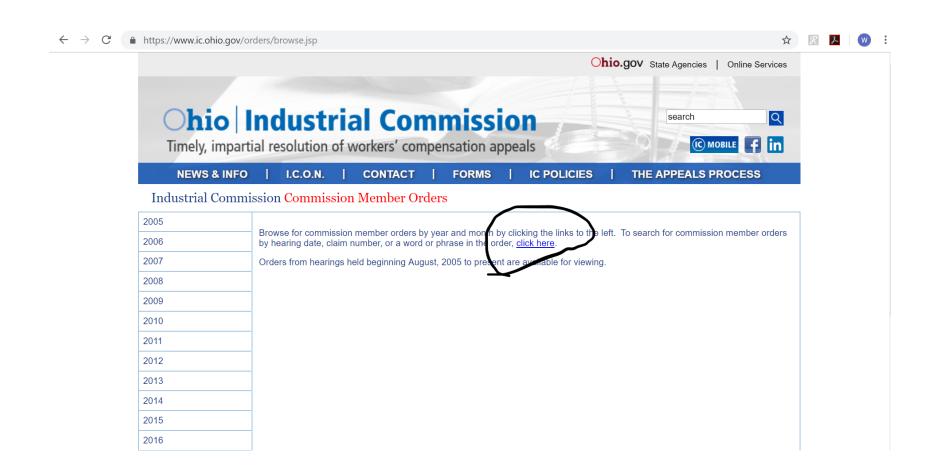


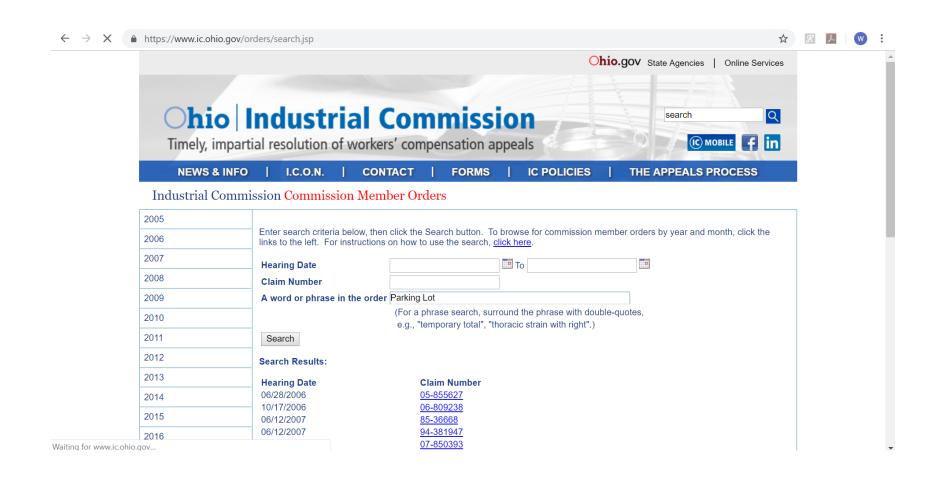
- news updates (closures, power outages, employee of the month, etc.)
- FAQs
- commissioner bios
- ***adjudications before the ohio industrial commission
- contact information for ombuds office
- ***commission member orders









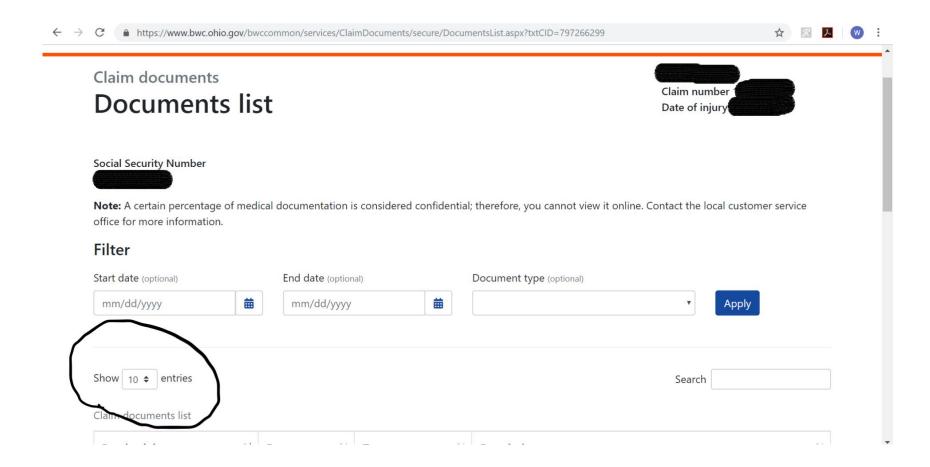


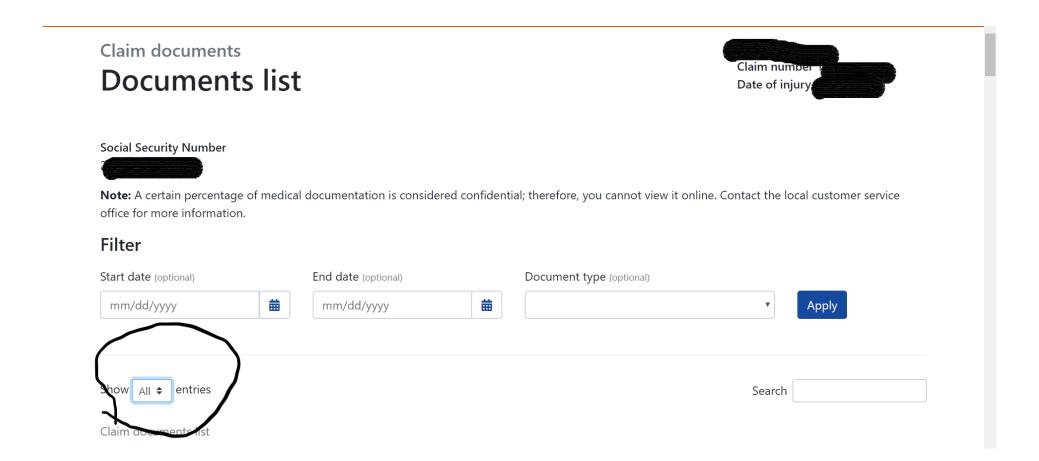
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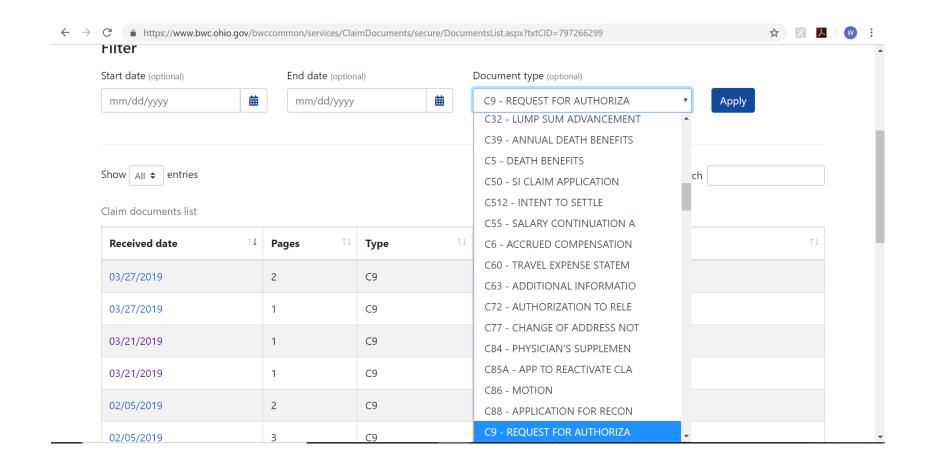
DOLPHIN — BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION WEBSITE

- file a claim
- apply for coverage
- find a provider
- report fraud
- website and access to claim files available for workers, employers, and providers

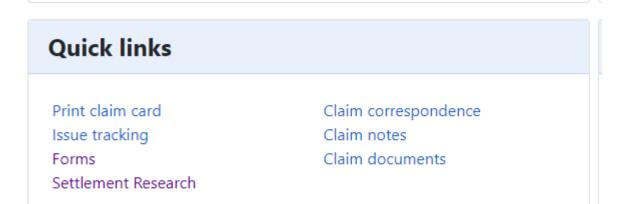




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07/31/2017	1	MISC	MISCELLANEOUS (ANY OTHER FORM)	
07/28/2017	2	C9	REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION	
07/28/2017	2	MED	MR - mir 07/17/17 cleveland clinic	
07/26/2017	1	MCOLTS	MR - MISC LETTERS FROM MCO	
07/25/2017	6	С9	AA s83.242a	
07/25/2017	5	MED	MR - ov/mri 07/17/17 cleveland clinic	
07/24/2017	7	MED	MR - rehab eval 07/10/17 us healthworks	
07/24/2017	2	MED	MR - ov 07/12/17 us healthworks	
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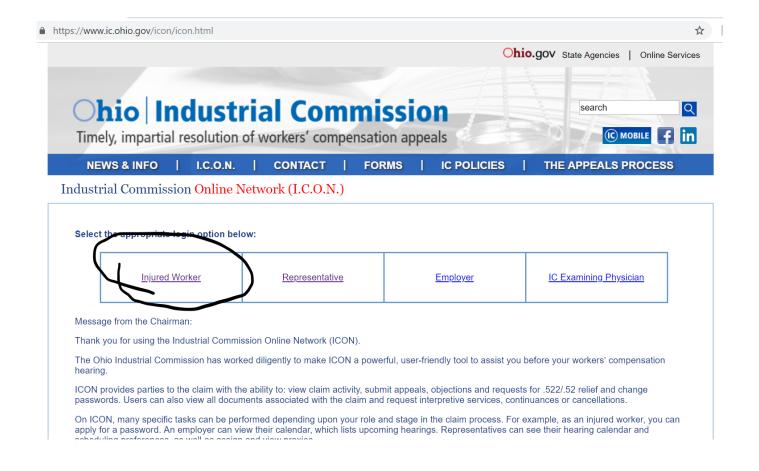


Claim documents list								
Received date	↑↓ Pages	↑↓ Type	† ↓	Description				
03/27/2019	2	C9		DISCLAIMER/RETRO SX				
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03/21/2019	1	C9		MR - DUP				
03/21/2019	1	C9		C-9 03-21-19/GRANTED/03-25-19 ORDER				
02/05/2019	2	C9		REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION				
02/05/2019	3	C9		REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION				
02/01/2019	2	C9		REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION				
01/22/2019	3	C9		REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION				
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01/02/2019	2	C9		REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION				

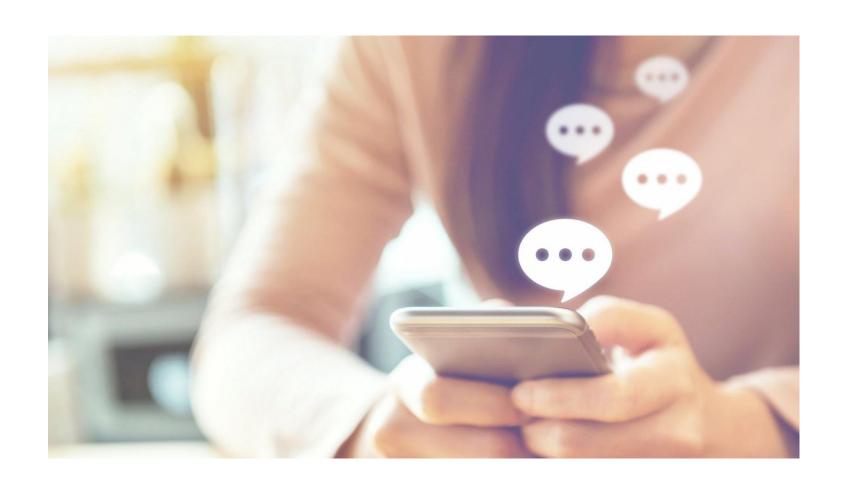


Injured worker: Claim #: OhioBWC - Common - Service: (Settlement research) -Individual claim data claim party contacts Injured worker information Indemnity overpayment: \$0.00 DWRF overpayment: \$0.00 Total overpayment: \$0.00 Total PP: 0% Family support: NO Claim information Claim status: ALLOW Benefit type: LOST TIME Active/Inactive: ACTIVE Coverage type: COVERAGE Subrogation: YES Diagnosis information ICD code: S63.602A ICD narrative description: UNSPECIFIED SPRAIN OF LEFT THUMB ICD status: ALLOWED ICD code: S29.012A ICD narrative description: STRAIN OF MUSCLE AND TENDON OF BACK WALL OF THORAX ICD status: ALLOWED ICD code: S46.011A ICD narrative description: STRAIN OF MUSC/TEND THE ROTATOR CUFF OF RIGHT SHOULDER ICD status: ALLOWED ICD code: S16.1XXA ICD narrative description: STRAIN OF MUSCLE, FASCIA AND TENDON AT NECK LEVEL ICD status: ALLOWED ICD code: M18.12 ICD narrative description: SUB AGG OF PRE-EX CMC ARTHRITIS ICD status: ALLOWED Compensation information FWW: \$559.83 AWW: \$634.25 Total medical paid: \$34,443.31 Total indemnity paid: \$40,280.05 Last paid medical date: 05/13/2022 Last paid indemnity date: 05/12/2022 Last paid indemnity type: Imlt-oh

YOUR CLIENTS CAN SET UP AN ACCOUNT ON THE BUREAU WEBSITE/ICON ... PROCEED WITH CAUTION



CORRESPONDING WITH CLIENTS



SOCIAL MEDIA

- social media warning to clients
- software that detects fraud
- social media for firm advertising
- social media for communication with clients

