

November 6, 1997

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MR PAUL TAYLOR



Dear Mr. Taylor:

I am writing this letter to inform you of my decision regarding your recurrence of August 20, 1997.

A worker who has had continuing problems can receive additional entitlement and benefits when the ongoing problems are shown to be caused by the original injury.

This claim was initially established for an injury which occurred February 6, 1997, at which time a load of boxes fell on your back, head and neck. The initial diagnosis was a strain and contusion to the back and you were authorized off of work and referred to a community clinic for treatment.

The Physician's Progress Report of April 9, 1997 indicates you had a full range of motion and you were expected to return to work to modified duties on April 14, 1997. A complete recovery was expected May 1, 1997. You were discharged from the community clinic April 25, 1997 and capable of resuming full regular duties.

Lost time benefits were paid from February 7 to March 10, 1997 and from March 17 to April 28, 1997.

You are now claiming a recurrence as of August 20, 1997, as you claim you have had ongoing back pain which progressively got worse due to the driving and bouncing around in the truck from April 1997. You deny any new injuries occurring and solely relate your ongoing problems to the driving of the truck. You also deny having any medical treatment between April and August 20, 1997, which is confirmed on your Physician's Re-opened Report. You also confirm you had no ongoing complaints to co-workers, as you claim you were capable of working and therefore you did not complain. I have also confirmed this with Gregg Binnie and Todd.

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In order to allow further lost time and health care treatment, it must be shown that your ongoing problems are related to the initial injury. Noting that you did not need medical attention between April and August, 1997 and you were capable of performing your full regular duties since that time, I am not able to find a relationship between your ongoing problems and your initial injury. Therefore, this letter is to inform you that your recurrence of August 20, 1997 is not being allowed as there is no evidence that your ongoing problems were the result of the original injury sustained in this claim.

If you do not understand the reasons for the decision, or if you do not agree with the conclusions reached, please call me. I would be pleased to discuss your concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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