

# INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR RIGHTS TO REOPEN AND/OR REARRANGE YOUR INDUSTRIAL INJURY CLAIM

## RIGHT TO REOPEN

You may have a basis to reopen your claim if at anytime after your condition is determined to be medically stationary you require either:

- 1) further active care to improve your condition; or
- 2) your condition deteriorates such that your permanent impairment increases or your ability to do your date of injury job changes.

If either of these events occur, please notify us immediately so that a decision can be made about filing a petition to reopen.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If successful, a petition to reopen will cover medical expenses, except surgical expenses, incurred up to 15 days before the date the petition to reopen is filed. Surgical expenses and compensation are only payable from the date the petition is filed, except that, pursuant to statute, surgical expenses incurred within seven (7) days of the petition to reopen can be covered if a bona fide medical emergency precludes you from filing the petition before the surgery.

## RIGHT TO REARRANGE

If your ability to earn changes for the worse, you may be entitled to a rearrangement of your benefits. If we can prove that your reduced earning capacity is due, at least in part, to your injury, your entitlement to compensation will be re-evaluated based on your now reduced earning capacity. If the petition is successful, the carrier will pay benefits retroactive to the date the petition was filed at the Industrial Commission. It is, therefore, essential that you notify us of a change in your ability to earn as soon as it occurs to maximize your receipt of benefits.

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