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## MEMORANDUM

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### **RE: Workers' Compensation: Personal Physician Predesignation Rules**

On March 14, 2006, the rules outlining your rights to predesignate your personal treating Physician, in the event of a work related injury or illness, have changed. To be eligible, you must meet the following criteria:

1. Your predesignated personal physician must be your primary treating physician who has previously directed your medical care and who retains your medical history and records.
2. Your predesignated personal physician must be your primary treating physician that has limited his or her practice of medicine to general practice or who is board certified or board eligible internist, pediatrician, obstetrician-gynecology or family practitioner.
3. You must provide the name and address of your predesignated personal physician in writing, prior to being injured and you must provide written documentation that your physician has agreed to be predesignated.

Prior personal physician predesignations are not valid unless all the above criteria are met and have been received, in writing, prior to your industrial injury or illness. Attached is a form you can use to predesignate your personal physician that ensures compliance with the new rule changes.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Ron Owen at 652-5533.

Enclosures: Personal Physician Predesignation form