



EMPLOYER PANEL OF PHYSICIANS

Q: Why do I need a panel of doctors for workers compensation injuries?

A: There are several reasons to post a Panel of Physicians: to assist your employees in proper medical care; Control costs of services through the fee schedule and PPO negotiated discounts; to coordinate medical care for the first 90 days of injury; and, to provide continuous quality care for the injured worker.

Q: How do I create a panel of physicians?

A: SDIC creates your panels for you and provides a list of physicians and facilities to meet your needs and meet the requirements of The Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

Q: How do I let the employees know there is a panel, or changes to the panel?

A: All employees should be provided with a current panel of Physicians at time of hire and again at time of injury. In addition, all employees should receive a copy of the Panel of Providers every time there is a change to the panel. Workers' Compensation Coordinators should place copies of the current Panel of Physicians in the SDIC Workers' Compensation packets. Post copies of the Panel of Physicians in employee lounges, meeting areas, and all human resources and administrative offices.

Q: When do I advise SDIC of a change or a problem with a panel doctor / facility or of a new provider to be considered for addition to the panel?

A: Please advise SDIC as soon as possible every time there is an issue with a panel provider, addition to or deletion from the panel or any change regarding the panel.

Update the panel each new school year and forward a copy to SDIC.