

## STATE OF TENNESSEE BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

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## NOTICE OF REPORTED INJURY

The Tennessee Bureau of Workers' Compensation has been notified you were injured on the job. **This notice does not mean that your claim has been accepted** or that you are eligible to receive benefits. This only confirms that **your claim has been reported** by your employer to its insurance company and to the Bureau.

Your employer should help you obtain all needed medical care related to your injury, at no cost to you, from a doctor you select from their approved list. The doctor selected becomes your authorized treating physician.

Your employer will also help you contact their workers' compensation insurance adjuster who will administer your claim and help you with your recovery. The adjuster's name and contact information are on a separate letter enclosed with this notice.

The adjuster has fifteen (15) calendar days (from the date you provided notice of your injury to your employer) to conduct an investigation and to either accept or deny your claim.

**If your claim is accepted**, you may be eligible to receive medical treatment including prescriptions, mileage reimbursement for attending appointments with your authorized treating physician and partial wage replacement benefits (also known as temporary disability benefits) as described in the enclosed "Beginner's Guide to Tennessee Workers' Compensation".

- If you are eligible for temporary total disability benefits, the first payment must be sent to you within fifteen (15) calendar days of when your disability begins (the date you are taken off work by your authorized treating physician) and then every subsequent payment must be made within the following fifteen (15) calendar days until you are allowed to return to work.
- If you are eligible for temporary partial disability benefits because your authorized treating physician allows you to continue to work but restrictions reduce the amount of money you earn, the payments must be sent as near as possible to the same schedule as your normal paychecks are paid.

**If your claim is denied**, the adjuster assigned to your claim will send you a Notice of Denial that provides the reason for the denial.

Most employers and adjusters provide all required benefits for an accepted claim, also known as "compensable" claim, without assistance from the Bureau. If you have questions about your claim, you should contact your employer and your adjuster first. If, after contacting your employer and your adjuster, you have questions or are not getting the benefits you are due, you can request assistance from the Bureau by calling (800) 332-2667. The Bureau will work with you, your employer, and your adjuster to help resolve any issues. The Bureau's role is to ensure workers' compensation claims are handled in a fair and professional manner and is available to assist you, if needed.

The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development is committed to principles of equal opportunity, equal access, and affirmative action. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

