

## **CHOOSING A MEDICAL CARE PROVIDER**

### **EMPLOYER CHOICE FOR THE FIRST 10 DAYS**

As an employer, you have the right to select a health care provider to treat an injured employee for the first ten days after an injury occurs. The choice of a health care provider should be made prior to the occurrence of the injury. A pre-established occupational health provider will help in being able to promptly respond to an employee's claim under the Workers' Compensation Act. It will also ensure that the employee is seen by a provider that is aware of the employers business and will aid in attempting to gain a work capacity. If the provider is set up prior to an injury, the provider could actually understand the mechanism of the job, which will aid in the resolution of the symptoms and could possibly aid in the determination as to whether the symptoms are actually work related. A network can be set up between the employer and the provider so that medical reports with restrictions can be timely sent or faxed.

Any provider, whether it is an employer or employee choice, is required by law to forward a Practitioners Report or M-1 to the employer within 5 days of the initial examination and then every 30 days after that, if the employee continues treating.