



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Industrial Accidents

150 Tremont Street, Boston 11

WHEN REPLYING
PLEASE QUOTE I.A.B.
FILE NO.

ATTENTION OF:
May 15, 1961

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 124

TO: ALL INSURANCE COMPANIES, ALL SELF-INSURERS, AND WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AGENTS OF DEPARTMENTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWNS AND DISTRICTS SUBJECT TO THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT (GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 152, AS AMENDED).

IN RE: MEDICAL RECORDS AND REPORTS.

Your attention is again called to the requirements of G.L., Chapter 152, Section 20, which provide in part:-

"All medical records and reports of hospitals, clinics, and physicians of the insurer, employer, or of the employee shall be filed with and open to the inspection of the Division, so far as relevant to any matter before it. Such reports shall be open to the inspection of any party."

Attention is also directed to the Rules of the Division:-
I. General Provisions - Medical Records, Nos. 4, 5, and 6.

There has been neglect in many instances to file the required records and reports. Insurance companies, self-insurers, and workmen's compensation agents should know their obligations under section 20 of the chapter and should observe them fully. Failure to file such medical records and reports may be the basis of refusal of action on an application for discontinuance, lump sum settlement, or any other action initiated by the insurer. Repeated omissions will be cause for appropriate action by the Board.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael De Marco".

MICHAEL DE MARCO
CHAIRMAN

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