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CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 229

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: MARTHA D. DUNN, DIRECTOR 
DIVISION OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION

RE: APPROVAL OF LUMP SUMS

Effective November 1, 1986 approval of lump sums became the burden of the Reviewing Board pursuant to the provisions of G.L. 152, Section 48, as amended, and pursuant to Adjudicatory Rule 1:22. Since there is no statutory or regulatory requirement that a letter of approval be issued for a lump sum settlement, the Reviewing Board has abandoned this practice.

Effective November 1, 1986, the lump sum agreements will be stamped or appropriately marked approved by an individual Administrative Law Judge who will act on behalf of the Reviewing Board. One copy of the lump sum agreement will be left with the Board file and approved copies will be given to the interested parties. The insurer's/self-insurer's copy of the lump sum agreement will be sufficient authorization to the insurer/self-insurer to make payment.



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FROM: _____ MAIL TO: COLA Processing
 _____ DIA Office of Administration
 _____ P.O. Box 9104, Essex Station
 _____ Boston, MA 02112-9104

Gentlemen:

Attached please find a request, pursuant to Section 65 (as amended by Chapter 572 of the Acts of 1985), for a permanent and total Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) reimbursement. This request is made for COLA's paid on behalf of _____ claimants totaling \$ _____.

I hereby certify under the penalties of perjury that all laws of the Commonwealth governing assessments and regulations thereof have been complied with and observed, and that all information is, to the best of my knowledge, correct.

Signed: _____ Name: _____
 Title: _____ Phone #: _____
 Date: _____

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COMMENTS:

PAYMENT APPROVED _____
DATE: _____