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Department of Industrial Accidents 600 Washington Street Boston. Mass. 02111

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 268

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

FROM: JAMES J. CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONER

RE: 1) PROMULGATION OF GUIDELINES FOR APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY

TREATMENT BASED ON DIAGNOSIS OF INJURIES AND ILLNESSES, AND

2) REGULATIONS REGARDING THE PROVISION OF ADEQUATE AND

REASONABLE HEALTH CARE SERVICES

DATE: JANUARY 15, 1993

Pleased be advised that guidelines relating to appropriate and necessary treatment based on diagnosis of injuries and illnesses for use by health care providers in the treatment of injuries and illnesses under M.G.L. c. 152, first published on July 1, 1992 pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 152, § 13, as most recently amended by St. 1991, c. 398, § 34, have been endorsed by the Department of Industrial Accidents with certain amendments. Copies are presently available from the Department's Public Information Office. This endorsement is officially noticed in the Massachusetts Register No. 705. Any and all further amendments to these guidelines will be periodically published and made available from the Department's Public Information Office.

Please be further advised that pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 152, § 30, as most recently amended by St. 1991, c. 398, § 53, regulations relating to the provisions of adequate and reasonable health care services will be promulgated on or before July 1, 1993 in which these treatment guidelines will be utilized. Copies of any proposed regulations and notice concerning any public hearing regarding such proposed regulations shall also be made available through the Department's Office of Public Information.