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CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 284

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: JAMES J. CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONER *JCB*
RE: 1) ADOPTION OF TREATMENT GUIDELINES FOR APPROPRIATE AND
NECESSARY TREATMENT BASED ON DIAGNOSIS AND ILLNESSES:
NO. 26 CHRONIC NEUROMUSCULO-SKELETAL INJURY
NO. 27 CHRONIC PAIN SYNDROME
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Please be advised that two additional Treatment Guidelines relating to appropriate and necessary treatment based on diagnosis of injury and illnesses for use by health care providers in the treatment of injuries and illnesses 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 Health Care Services Board and adopted by the Commissioner of the Department of Industrial Accidents. For each Treatment Guideline the Department has also created and developed review criteria to be applied to the guidelines. The Commissioner of the Department of Industrial Accidents has adopted:

Guideline Number 26	Chronic Neuromusculo-Skeletal Injury, and
Guideline Number 27	Chronic Pain Syndrome.

Pursuant to 452 CMR 6.00 *et seq.*, Treatment Guidelines and Review Criteria 26 and 27 shall be effective October 1, 1996 and shall apply to all claims irrespective of date of injury for health care services rendered on or after October 1, 1996.

Copies are currently available from the Department's Public Information Office. Any and all further amendments to the treatment guidelines will be periodically published and made available from the Public Information Office.