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CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 290

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: JAMES J. CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONER

RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF TREATMENT GUIDELINES FOR
APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY TREATMENT BASED UPON
DIAGNOSIS OF INJURY AND ILLNESS:
NO. 26 CHRONIC NEUROMUSCULO-SKELETAL INJURY
NO. 27 CHRONIC PAIN SYNDROME

DATE: DECEMBER 29, 1997

Please be advised that the Health Care Services Board of the Department of Industrial Accidents has referred Treatment Guideline Number 26 (Chronic Neuromusculo-Skeletal Injury) and Treatment Guideline Number 27 (Chronic Pain Syndrome) to its guideline development subcommittee for further consideration.

Implementation of Treatment Guideline Numbers 26 and 27 will be delayed and the Guidelines and their accompanying Review Criteria should not be applied to any claims until such time as the Health Care Services Board and the Commissioner of the Department of Industrial Accidents take further action.