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CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 295

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
NO. 28	DIAGNOSIS AND INITIAL TREATMENT OF OCCUPATIONAL ASTHMA

DATE: August 31, 1998

Please be advised that three 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*

Guideline Number 27 *Chronic Pain Syndrome*

Guideline Number 28 *Diagnosis and Initial Treatment of Occupational Asthma*

Pursuant to 452 CMR 6.00 *et seq.*, Treatment Guideline Nos. 26, 27 and 28 and their respective Review Criteria shall be effective October 1, 1998 and shall apply to all claims regardless of date of injury for those health care services rendered on or after October 1, 1998.

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