



*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*  
*Division of Industrial Accidents*

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WHEN REPLYING  
PLEASE QUOTE I.A.B.  
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CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 37

To: ALL INSURERS AND  
SELF INSURERS

RE: PAYMENT OF FEES  
TO IMPARTIAL  
PHYSICIANS

The attention of all insurers is directed to the provisions of G. L. (Ter. Ed.), Ch. 152, s. 9, with particular reference to the second sentence thereof reading, "The fee for this service shall be five dollars and traveling expenses, but the department may allow additional reasonable amounts in extraordinary cases, and the insurer shall reimburse the department for the amount so paid."

Instances have occurred where the insurer has made payment directly to the impartial physician. This is contrary to the provision of law above quoted and to the long practice of the Department thereunder. The Department makes payment directly to the physician, and the insurer reimburses the Department.

All insurers are requested to follow the law and the practice, and are requested to notify all of their branch offices in accordance therewith.

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*Very truly yours*  
*Edward J. Doyle*

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