



# *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 # 61

TO: ALL INSURERS, SELF-INSURERS, AND COMPENSATION AGENTS  
APPOINTED UNDER G. L., C. 152 SECTION 75, AS AMENDED.

The following matter, in the nature of administrative rulings and requirements, is published for the information, guidance, and observance of all concerned.

### Part I - Fees of Physicians for Office Visits

The Industrial Accident Board, acting pursuant to the authority contained in G. L., c. 152, section 30, as amended, have, by vote passed on March 6, 1950, established the fee of physicians for office visits in industrial accident cases at \$3.00, effective as to such visits on and after that date, this makes obsolete paragraph 3 of the Division's circular letter #43, dated May 27, 1946.

### Part II - Medical Reports and Records

The attention of all insurance companies, self-insurers, and workmen's compensation agents is again called to the requirements of G. L., c. 152, section 20, as most recently amended by c. 276 of the Acts of 1949, which provide in part: "All medical records and reports of hospitals, clinics, and physicians of the insurer, employer, or of the employee shall be filed with and open to the inspection of the Division, so far as relevant to any matter before it. Such reports shall be open to the inspection of any part." Attention is also directed to the rules of the Division I--General Provisions--Medical Records. There has been neglect in many instances to file the required records and reports. Insurance companies, self-insurers, and workmen's compensation agents know, or should know, their obligations in this matter and should observe them fully. Repeated omissions will be cause for appropriate action by the Board. Insurance companies should call the attention of their respective risks to the provisions of section 20 above referred to.

### Part III - Self-Insurers' Facilities

Self-Insurers are hereby notified of the amendment on March 13, 1950 of Division rule #5 of "Rules Relating to Self-Insurers" which adds a new sentence at the end thereof, reading: "Every self-insurer shall provide facilities in Massachusetts for the prompt payment of compensation benefits, including provision for the issuance of checks or drafts in Massachusetts."

### Part IV - Physicians' or Surgeon's First Report

Enclosed with this circular letter is a copy of the form of "Surgeon's or Physician's First Report of Injury," which is the form approved by the Board for such report, and should be used by all insurance companies, self-insurers, and compensation agents. Insurance companies, self-insurers, and compensation agents should equip themselves with a necessary supply of these printed forms.

### Part V

Enclosed with this circular letter is new form of "Petition for Leave to Settle by Agreement with Third Party" which amends I. A. B. form #13, by adding sub-paragraphs e and f to paragraph 2, as made necessary by c. 432 of the Acts of 1943.

### Part VI - (Chiropractors, Podiatrists)

The provision of the Division's circular letter #40, dated March 23, 1945, relating to "Podiatrists" is hereby rescinded and the following is published in place thereof:

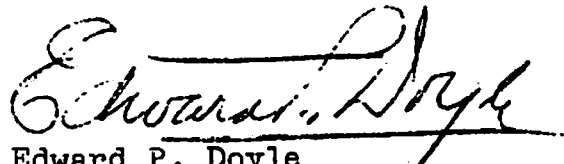
"The Industrial Accident Board are of the opinion that a chiropractor (podiatrist) who is duly registered as such by the Board of Registration in chiropody-podiatry under General Laws (Ter. Ed.) Chapter 112 as amended by Chapter 425 of the Acts of 1937, and holds a certificate issued by said Board and is locally registered with the city or town clerk where he proposes to practice, as required by Section 21 of said Chapter 112, is entitled to payment under Workmen's Compensation Law, General Laws (Ter. Ed.) Chapter 152, Section 30, as amended, for services rendered within the latter section and within Section 13 of said Chapter 152, as amended, while so registered and holding a certificate duly recorded with the city or town clerk as aforesaid."

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Part VII - Blue Cross

The provisions of the Division's circular letters #40 and #40A, dated March 23, 1945 and August 27, 1945, respectively, no longer have application, and are hereby rescinded for the reason that the Blue Cross stipulates that a subscriber shall not be entitled to credits for hospital charges in workmen's compensation cases.

Very truly yours,

  
Edward P. Doyle  
Secretary

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