



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Industrial Accidents

150 Tremont Street, Boston 11

WHEN REPLYING
PLEASE QUOTE I.A.B.
FILE NO.

ATTENTION OF:
May 15, 1961

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 124

TO: ALL INSURANCE COMPANIES, ALL SELF-INSURERS, AND
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AGENTS OF DEPARTMENTS OF
THE COMMONWEALTH AND COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWNS
AND DISTRICTS SUBJECT TO THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSA-
TION ACT (GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 152, AS AMENDED).

IN RE: MEDICAL RECORDS AND REPORTS.

Your attention is again called to the requirements of
G.L., Chapter 152, Section 20, which provide in part:-

"All medical records and reports of hospi-
tals, clinics, and physicians of the in-
surer, 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 party."

Attention is also directed to the Rules of the Division:-
I. General Provisions - Medical Records, Nos. 4, 5, and 6.

There has been neglect in many instances to file the required
records and reports. Insurance companies, self-insurers, and
workmen's compensation agents should know their obligations
under section 20 of the chapter and should observe them fully.
Failure to file such medical records and reports may be the
basis of refusal of action on an application for discontinuance,
lump sum settlement, or any other action initiated by the insurer.
Repeated omissions will be cause for appropriate action by the
Board.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael De Marco".

MICHAEL DE MARCO
CHAIRMAN

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