



Workers' Compensation Board

Doctor's Initial Report

C-4

Use this form to report the *first* time you treated the patient. (To report continued treatment, use Form C-4.2. To report permanent impairment, use Form C-4.3.)

Please answer all questions completely, attaching extra pages if necessary, and submit promptly to the Board, the insurance carrier and to the patient's attorney or licensed representative, if he/she has one; if not, send a copy to the patient. Failure to do so may delay the payment of necessary treatment, prevent the timely payment of wage loss benefits to the injured worker, create the necessity for testimony, and jeopardize your Board authorization. You may also fill out this form online at www.wcb.ny.gov.

A. Patient's Information *Field 2*

1. Name: _____ 2. Social Security #: _____ *Field 1a*
Last First MI
 3. Home phone #: (____) _____ *Field 5* 4. WCB Case # (if known): _____ *Field 9a* 5. Carrier Case #: _____ *Field 11b*
 6. Mailing address: _____ *Field 5*
 7. Date of injury/onset of illness: _____ / _____ / _____ *Field 14* 8. Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____ *Field 3* 9. Gender: Male Female *Field 3*
Number and Street City State Zip Code
 10. On the date of injury/illness what was the patient's job title or description: _____ *Initial Narrative Report*
 11. On the date of injury/illness what were the patient's usual work activities: _____ *Initial Narrative Report*

 12. Patient's Account #: _____ *Field 26*

B. Employer Information

1. Employer when injury occurred: _____ *Field 4* 2. Phone #: (____) _____ *Field 7*
Company/Agency Name
 3. Employer Address: _____ *Field 7*
Number and Street City State Zip Code

C. Doctor's Information

1. Your name: _____ *Field 31* 2. WCB Authorization #: _____ *Field 19*
Last First MI
 3. WCB Rating Code: _____ *Field 19* 4. Federal Tax ID #: _____ *Field 25* The Tax ID # is the (check one): SSN EIN *Field 25*
 5. Office address: _____ *Field 32*
Number and Street City State Zip Code
 6. Billing group or practice name: _____ *Field 33*
 7. Billing address: _____ *Field 33*
Number and Street City State Zip Code
 8. Office phone #: (____) _____ 9. Billing phone #: (____) _____ *Field 33* 10. Treating Provider's NPI #: _____ *Field 24J*
 11. You are a (check one): Physician Podiatrist Chiropractor *Field 19*

D. Billing Information

1. Employer's insurance carrier: _____ *Field 0* 2. Carrier Code #: W _____ *Field 0*
 3. Insurance carrier's address: _____ *Field 0*
Number and Street City State Zip Code
 4. Diagnosis or nature of disease or injury:
 Enter ICD10 Code: ICD10 Descriptor:
 (1) _____ *Field 21A* _____ *Initial Narrative Report*
 (2) _____ *Field 21B* _____ *Initial Narrative Report*
 (3) _____ *Field 21C* _____ *Initial Narrative Report*
 (4) _____ *Field 21D* _____ *Initial Narrative Report*

Relate ICD10 codes in (1), (2), (3), or (4) to Diagnosis Code column on page 2 by line.

Patient's Name: *Field 2*

Date of injury/onset of illness: *Field 14* /

Dates of Service						Place of Service	Leave Blank	Use WCB Codes		Diagnosis Code	\$ Charges	Days/ Units	COB	Zip code where service was rendered
From MM	DD	YY	To MM	DD	YY			CPT/HCPCS	MODIFIER					
<i>Field 24A</i>						<i>24B</i>		<i>24D</i>	<i>24D</i>	<i>24E</i>	<i>24F</i>	<i>24G</i>		<i>Field 32</i>

Check here if services were provided by a WCB preferred provider organization (PPO).

Total Charge \$ <i>Field 28</i>	Amount Paid (Carrier Use Only) \$ <i>Field 29</i>	Balance Due (Carrier Use Only) \$
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E. History

1. Based on the patient's history, where and how did the injury/illness happen: *Initial Narrative Report*

2. How did you learn about the injury/illness (check one): Patient Medical Records Other(specify): *Initial Narrative Report*

3. Did another health provider treat this injury/illness including hospitalization and/or surgery? Yes No If yes, give details: *Initial Narrative Report*

4. Have you previously treated this patient for a similar work-related injury/illness? Yes No If yes, when: *Initial Narrative Report*

F. Exam Information

1. Date(s) of Examination: *Field 24A*

2. Patient's subjective complaints: Check all that apply and identify specific affected body part(s). *Initial Narrative Report*

- Numbness/Tingling _____
- Pain _____
- Stiffness _____
- Swelling _____
- Weakness _____
- Other (specify) _____

3. Type/nature of injury: Check all that apply and identify specific affected body part(s). *Initial Narrative Report*

- Abrasion _____
- Amputation _____
- Avulsion _____
- Bite _____
- Burn _____
- Contusion/Hematoma _____
- Crush Injury _____
- Dermatitis _____
- Dislocation _____
- Fracture _____
- Hearing Loss _____
- Hernia _____
- Other (specify) _____
- Infectious Disease _____
- Inhalation Exposure _____
- Laceration _____
- Needle Stick _____
- Poisoning/Toxic Effects _____
- Psychological _____
- Puncture Wound _____
- Repetitive Strain Injury _____
- Spinal Cord Injury _____
- Sprain/Strain _____
- Torn Ligament, Tendon or Muscle _____
- Vision Loss _____

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4. Physical examination: Check all relevant objective findings and identify specific affected body part(s). *Initial Narrative Report*

- None at present
 - Bruising _____
 - Burns _____
 - Crepitation _____
 - Deformity _____
 - Edema _____
 - Hematoma/Lump/Swelling _____
 - Joint Effusion _____
 - Laceration/Sutures _____
 - Pain/Tenderness _____
 - Scar _____
 - Other findings: _____
- Neuromuscular Findings:
- Abnormal/Restricted ROM
 - Active ROM _____
 - Passive ROM _____
 - Gait _____
 - Palpable Muscle Spasm _____
 - Reflexes _____
 - Sensation _____
 - Strength (Weakness) _____
 - Wasting/Muscle Atrophy _____

5. Describe any diagnostic test(s) rendered at this visit: *Initial Narrative Report*

6. Describe any treatment(s) rendered at this visit: *Initial Narrative Report*

7. Describe prognosis for recovery: *Initial Narrative Report*

8. Does the patient's medical history reveal any pre-existing condition(s) that may affect the treatment and/or prognosis? Yes No
If yes, list and describe: *Initial Narrative Report*

G. Doctor's Opinion

- 1. In your opinion, was the incident that the patient described the competent medical cause of this injury/illness? Yes No *Field 10a*
- 2. Are the patient's complaints consistent with his/her history of the injury/illness? Yes No *Initial Narrative Report*
- 3. Is the patient's history of the injury/illness consistent with your objective findings? Yes No N/A (no findings at this time) *Initial Narrative Report*
- 4. What is the percentage (0-100%) of temporary impairment? _____% *Initial Narrative Report*
- 5. Describe findings and relevant diagnostic test results: *Initial Narrative Report*

H. Plan of Care

1. What is your proposed treatment? *Initial Narrative Report*

2. Medication(s):(a) list medications prescribed: *Initial Narrative Report*

(b) list over-the-counter medications advised: *Initial Narrative Report*

Medication restrictions: None May affect patient's ability to return to work, make patient drowsy, or other issue. Explain below:
Initial Narrative Report

Patient's Name: Field 2 Last First MI Date of injury/onset of illness: Field 14 / /

3. Does the patient need diagnostic tests or referrals? Yes No If yes, check all that apply: *Initial Narrative Report*
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| Tests: | Referrals: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CT Scan | <input type="checkbox"/> Chiropractor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EMG/NCS | <input type="checkbox"/> Internist/Family Physician |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MRI (Specify): _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Therapist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Labs (Specify): _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Therapist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> X-rays (Specify): _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Specialist in _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify): _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify): _____ |

4. Assistive devices prescribed for this patient: Cane Crutches Orthotics Walker Wheelchair
 Other (specify): Initial Narrative Report

Important: Form C-4 AUTH should be used to request any special medical service costing over \$1000 or for those services requiring pre-authorization pursuant to the Medical Treatment Guidelines for the back, neck, knee and shoulder.

5. When is the patient's next follow-up appointment? *Initial Narrative Report*
 Within a week 1-2 weeks 3-4 weeks 5-6 weeks 7-8 weeks _____ months Return as needed

I. Work Status

1. Has the patient missed work because of the injury/illness? Yes No If yes, date patient first missed work: _____ / _____ / _____ *Initial Narrative Report*
 Is the patient currently working? Yes No If yes, did the patient return to: usual work activities limited work activities *Initial Narrative Report*

2. Can the patient return to work? (check only one):
- a. The patient cannot return to work because (explain): Initial Narrative Report
- b. The patient can return to work without limitations on _____ / _____ / _____ *Initial Narrative Report*
- c. The patient can return to work with the following limitations (check all that apply) on _____ / _____ / _____ *Initial Narrative Report*
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bending/twisting | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifting | <input type="checkbox"/> Sitting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climbing stairs/ladders | <input type="checkbox"/> Operating heavy equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Standing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental conditions | <input type="checkbox"/> Operation of motor vehicles | <input type="checkbox"/> Use of public transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kneeling | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal protective equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Use of upper extremities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain): _____ | | |

Describe/quantify the limitations: Initial Narrative Report

Initial Narrative Report How long will these limitations apply? 1-2 days 3-7 days 8-14 days 15+ days Unknown at this time N/A

3. With whom will you discuss the patient's return to work and/or limitations? with patient with patient's employer N/A *Initial Narrative Report*

This form is signed under penalty of perjury.

Board Authorized Health Care Provider - Check one:

- I provided the services listed above.
 I actively supervised the health-care provider named below who provided these services.

Provider's name _____ Specialty _____

Board Authorized Health Care Provider signature:

Field 31 Field 31 Field 19 Field 31
 Name Signature Specialty Date

MEDICAL REPORTING**IMPORTANT-TO THE ATTENDING DOCTOR**

- This form is to be used to file reports in workers' compensation, volunteer firefighters' or volunteer ambulance workers' benefit cases as follows:
48 HOUR INITIAL REPORT - Prepare and submit this form, complete in all details, within 48 hours after you first render treatment.
 If you continue to treat, use form C-4.2 for future reporting. DO NOT use this form for future reporting.
 All reports are to be filed with the Workers' Compensation Board, the workers' compensation insurance carrier, self-insured employer, and if the patient is represented by an attorney or licensed representative, with such representative. If the claimant is not represented, a copy must be sent to the claimant.
 Ophthalmologists use form C-5, Occupational/Physical Therapists use form OT/PT-4 and Psychologists use form PS-4 for filing reports.
- Please ask your patient for his/her WCB Case Number and the Insurance Carrier's Case Number, if they are known to him/her, and show these numbers on your reports. In addition, ask your patient if he/she has retained a representative. If so, ask for the name and address of the representative. You are required to send copies of all reports to the patient's representative, if any.
- This form must be signed by the attending doctor and must contain her/his authorization certificate number, code letters and NPI number. If the patient is hospitalized, it may be signed by a licensed doctor to whom the treatment of the case has been assigned as a member of the attending staff of the hospital.
- AUTHORIZATION FOR SPECIAL SERVICES** - Form C-4 AUTH should be used to request any special medical service over \$1000 or for those services requiring pre-authorization pursuant to the Medical Treatment Guidelines for the back, neck, knee and shoulder.
AUTHORIZATION FOR SPECIAL SERVICES IS NOT REQUIRED IN AN EMERGENCY
- LIMITATION OF PODIATRY TREATMENT** - Podiatry treatment is limited as defined in Section 7001 of the Education Law and Section 13-k(2) of the Workers' Compensation Law.
- LIMITATION OF CHIROPRACTIC TREATMENT** - Chiropractic treatment is limited as defined in Section 6551 of the Education Law and the Chair's Rules Relative to Chiropractic Practice Under Section 13-l of the Workers' Compensation Law.
A CHIROPRACTOR OR PODIATRIST FILING THIS REPORT CERTIFIES THAT THE INJURY DESCRIBED CONSISTS SOLELY OF A CONDITION(S) WHICH MAY LAWFULLY BE TREATED AS DEFINED IN THE EDUCATION LAW AND, WHERE IT DOES NOT, HAS ADVISED THE INJURED PERSON TO CONSULT A PHYSICIAN OF HIS/HER CHOICE.
- HIPAA NOTICE** - In order to adjudicate a workers' compensation claim, WCL13-a(4)(a) and 12 NYCRR 325-1.3 require health care providers to regularly file medical reports of treatment with the Board and the carrier or employer. Pursuant to 45 CFR 164.512 these legally required medical reports are exempt from HIPAA's restrictions on disclosure of health information.

ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD PRESENTS, CAUSES TO BE PRESENTED, OR PREPARES WITH KNOWLEDGE OR BELIEF THAT IT WILL BE PRESENTED TO OR BY AN INSURER, OR SELF-INSURER, ANY INFORMATION CONTAINING ANY FALSE MATERIAL STATEMENT OR CONCEALS ANY MATERIAL FACT SHALL BE GUILTY OF A CRIME AND SUBJECT TO SUBSTANTIAL FINES AND IMPRISONMENT.

BILLING INFORMATION

Complete all billing information contained on this form. Use continuation Form C-4.1, if necessary. The workers' compensation carrier has 45 days to pay your bill or to file an objection to it. Contact the workers' compensation carrier if you receive neither payment nor an objection within this time period. After contacting the carrier, you may, if necessary, contact the Board's Disputed Bill Unit, at the Customer Service toll-free number listed below, for information/assistance.

IMPORTANT TO THE PATIENT

YOUR DOCTORS' BILLS (AND BILLS FOR HOSPITALS AND OTHER SERVICES OF A MEDICAL NATURE) WILL BE PAID BY YOUR EMPLOYER, THE LIABLE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR ITS INSURANCE COMPANY OR THE UNAFFILIATED VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE IF YOUR CLAIM IS ALLOWED. DO NOT PAY THESE BILLS YOURSELF, UNLESS YOUR CASE IS DISALLOWED OR CLOSED FOR FAILURE TO PROSECUTE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS NOTICE OR YOUR CASE, OR WITH RESPECT TO YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW, OR THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' OR VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS' LAWS, YOU SHOULD CONSULT THE NEAREST OFFICE OF THE BOARD FOR ADVICE. ALWAYS USE THE CASE NUMBERS SHOWN ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS NOTICE, OR ON OTHER PAPERS RECEIVED BY YOU, IF YOU FIND IT NECESSARY TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE BOARD OR THE CARRIER. ALSO, MENTION YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IF YOU WRITE OR CALL THE BOARD.

IMPORTANTE PARA EL PACIENTE

LAS FACTURAS POR SERVICIOS MEDICOS INCLUYENDO HOSPITALES Y TODO SERVICIO DE NATURALEZA MEDICA SERA PAGADO POR EL PATRONO O POR LA ENTIDAD RESPONSABLE O SU COMPANIA DE SEGUROS SEGUN SEA EL CASO; SI SU RECLAMACION ES APROBADA. NO PAGUE ESTAS FACTURAS A MENOS QUE SU CASO SEA DESESTIMADO EN SU FONDO O ARCHIVADO POR NO REALIZAR LOS TRAMITES CORRESPONDIENTES.

SI USTED TIENE ALGUNA PREGUNTA, EN RELACION A ESTA NOTIFICACION O A SU CASO O EN RELACION A SUS DERECHOS BAJO LA LEY DE COMPENSACION OBRERA O LA LEY DE BOMBEROS VOLUNTARIOS O LA LEY DE SERVICIOS DE AMBULANCIAS VOLUNTARIOS DEBE COMUNICARSE CON LA OFICINA MAS CERCANA DE LA JUNTA PARA ORIENTACION. SIEMPRE USE EL NUMERO DEL CASO QUE APARECE EN LA PARTE DEL FRENTE DE ESTA NOTIFICACION, O EN OTROS DOCUMENTOS RECIBIDOS POR USTED. SI LE ES NECESARIO COMUNICARSE CON LA JUNTA O CON EL "CARRIER."

TAMBIEN MENCIONE EN SU COMUNICACION ORAL O ESCRITA SU NUMERO DE SEGURO SOCIAL.

Inquiries, medical and other reports should be sent directly to the Workers' Compensation Board at the address listed below:

NYS Workers' Compensation Board, Centralized Mailing, PO Box 5205, Binghamton, NY 13902-5205

Customer Service Toll-Free Line: 877-632-4996

Statewide Fax Line: 877-533-0337