

Ask The Welfare Fund – April 2010

Question: I am an active EA, and fell on the sidewalk while traveling between schools. I have filed the proper paperwork with the accident unit, what do I do now?

Answer: You have done the most important thing already—file a report with the Department of Education. You would be surprised how many members call to tell me they have been injured on the job but have not reported the incident in a timely fashion. By reporting the incident, and letting the Department of Education Line of Duty Incident Unit know you have had a claim, getting them to reimburse their portion of the expenses will be easier.

As an employee of the Department of Education, you are not covered by workers' compensation, since the Department of Education is self-insured for workplace injuries. The procedure is to use your city-provided health plan and obtain the necessary care. If you have unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses, you next submit a copy of the provider's bill and health plan explanation of benefits to the CSA Welfare fund for consideration. The final place to submit expenses is the Department of Education Line of Duty injury unit, which will reimburse a maximum of \$ 750.

Please call me at the Fund if you have additional questions or are having problems getting your claims paid.

Question: I am a retired assistant principal, and submitted my Express Scripts co-payments. I received the welfare fund reimbursement, but not a chapter reimbursement. When will I get the chapter check?

Answer: Chapter reimbursements generally follow welfare fund reimbursements within a week. Sometimes, such as when processing the prescription drug co-pay reimbursements, it takes awhile longer to process the chapter reimbursements. All prescription reimbursements that were submitted in January have been processed, as have the corresponding chapter reimbursements.

New Participating Hearing Aid Provider

The following hearing aid vendor has joined our panel of participating providers, effective February 1, 2010.

Lexington Hearing and Speech Center
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