

New NY Work Comp Medical Forms in effect on 4/1/09

On 4/1/09 a new set of forms to be used by medical providers will go into effect. They are:

1. C-4. Doctor's Initial Report
2. C-4.2 Doctor's Progress Report
3. C-4AMR (Ancillary Medical Report) for providers of ancillary services
4. C-4.3 Doctor's Report of MMI/Permanent Impairment

The forms can be found on the NY WCB website. "Google" "NY", "WCB" and "C-4"

The C-4.3 is necessary for a judge to close a claim. Even if there is no permanent damage as a result of the injury, failure to have this form in the file will cause the judge to adjourn the claim for it to be produced.

C-4.2 progress reports should be filed every two weeks to ensure that a patient's benefits will not be halted. New Board procedure strictly enforces a policy that there is no longer an informal presumption that disability continues until a report says that it no longer exists.

A funding crisis in workers' compensation is driving efforts at stricter laws and rules. Medical practices that comply will face far fewer problems since the majority of medical groups make good faith efforts which fall short of Board requirements. These result in delay of payments and duplication of efforts.

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