

**NOTICE THAT YOU MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MEDICAL COSTS IN THE EVENT OF FAILURE TO PROSECUTE, OR IF COMPENSATION CLAIM IS DISALLOWED, OR IF AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO WCL §32 IS APPROVED**

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| WCB CASE NO. (If Known) |      | CARRIER CASE NO. (If Known) | DATE OF INJURY | NATURE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS | INJURED PERSON'S SOC. SEC. NO. |
|                         |      |                             |                |                             |                                |
| CLAIMANT                | NAME |                             | ADDRESS        |                             | APT. NO.                       |
| EMPLOYER                |      |                             |                |                             |                                |
| INSURANCE CARRIER       |      |                             |                |                             |                                |

You may become responsible for the medical costs of treatment for your illness or condition with the provider listed below if (1) you fail to prosecute the claim for workers' compensation or (2) it is determined by the Workers' Compensation Board that the illness or condition which required treatment was not a result of a compensable workplace accident or occupational disease or (3) if an agreement is executed by you and approved pursuant to Workers' Compensation Law §32 in which you waive your right to medical benefits from the workers' compensation carrier/self-insured employer for treatment/services performed after the date the agreement is approved. If any of the above events occurs, the provider may bill you directly instead of the employer or insurance carrier, and you will be responsible for the provider's fees for services rendered.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the above and understand the circumstances under which I may become responsible for payment.

Claimant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Provider's Name and Address \_\_\_\_\_

**TO THE CLAIMANT**

Workers' Compensation Board Regulation 325-1.23 permits your doctor or therapist to request that you sign this A-9 notice. By signing this notice, you acknowledge your obligation to pay the provider's fees for the services you receive if it turns out that such fees are not legally required to be paid by your employer or its workers' compensation insurance carrier and if such fees are not covered by other insurance. The employer or carrier may not be required to pay the doctor's fees if, for example, you fail to file a claim for workers' compensation, or fail to notify your employer of your injury or illness, or fail to attend a Board hearing if your employer challenges your right to benefits. Even if you make all required efforts to prosecute your claim, the Workers' Compensation Board may still find that you are not entitled to benefits. In such cases, this notice advises your health provider that you acknowledge your personal liability for payment of his/her bills.

**Workers' Compensation Law Section 32**

The A-9 notice also covers instances in which a claimant with an existing valid workers' compensation case comes to an agreement with his/her employer or its insurance carrier settling his/her case in accordance with Section 32 of the Workers' Compensation Law. A Section 32 agreement may include a provision which relieves the employer or carrier of the liability to pay future medical bills associated with the case. Your health care provider may ask you to sign this A-9 notice to insure that you acknowledge your personal liability for payment of his/her bills if you have waived your right to future medical benefits under a Section 32 agreement.

If you have any questions, contact your attorney or licensed hearing representative, if you have one. You may also contact your local district office of the Workers' Compensation Board.

**TO THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER**

This notice is meant to advise the workers' compensation claimant that he/she may be responsible for payment. Failure of the claimant to sign this form does not relieve the provider of the obligation to treat the claimant, nor does it negate the claimant's responsibility for payment.

Keep the original of this form for your records and give a copy to the claimant. **Do not file with the Workers' Compensation Board.** You will receive Notices of Decisions in which the compensability of a claim, authorization of treatment, or payment of medical bills is included. You will also be notified if the claimant submits a Section 32 Agreement with the Board for approval. Do not bill the claimant unless and until you receive a Board decision finding that 1) claimant failed to prosecute the claim, or 2) the claim is denied, or 3) the treatment is not causally related to the work injury, or 4) a Section 32 agreement relieving the carrier of liability for medical treatment is approved.



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State of New York
WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD

CLAIMANT'S AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE WORKERS' COMPENSATION RECORDS
(Pursuant to Workers' Compensation Law Section 110-a)

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL ITEMS. AN INCOMPLETE FORM WILL DELAY THE PROCESSING OF YOUR REQUEST.

Form with fields: Claimant's Name, Claimant's Social Security No., Case Number and/or Date of Accident, checkboxes for WCB, DB, and Discrimination.

IF RELEASE IS AUTHORIZED FOR ADDITIONAL CASE FILE(S), IDENTIFY BELOW BY WCB/DB/DC CASE NUMBER AND/OR DATE OF ACCIDENT(S).

CLAIMANT IS PROHIBITED FROM AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INFORMATION TO PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS OR IN CONNECTION WITH ASSESSING FITNESS OR CAPABILITY OF EMPLOYMENT.

INSTRUCTIONS:
Submit original to the Workers' Compensation Board and retain a copy for your records. Authorization for disclosure of records for certain purposes is not valid under the law. See excerpt of WCL Section 110-a on the reverse of this form. This authorization is effective until it is revoked by the claimant. Claimant may revoke this authorization at any time upon written notice to the Workers' Compensation Board.
THIS AUTHORIZATION DOES NOT PERMIT YOU TO OPEN AN INDIVIDUAL eCASE ACCOUNT OR TO VIEW CASES VIA eCASE OUTSIDE OF A BOARD LOCATION.

Pursuant to Section 110-a of the Workers' Compensation Law, I, [Name], represent that I am a person who is/was the subject of the Workers' Compensation case(s) indicated above, and I authorize the Workers' Compensation Board to discuss the above-referenced Workers' Compensation Board records with and/or release a copy of the above-referenced records to [Entity], at [Address].

I understand that the requesting party may be required to pay a statutory fee prior to being provided copies of these records by the Workers' Compensation Board.

Claimant's Signature (ink only -- use blue ballpoint pen if possible) Date

Failure to provide the information requested on this form will not result in the denial of your authorization, but may delay the processing of your request. The voluntary release of your social security number enables the Board to ensure that information is associated with, and quick action is taken on, your request.

Pursuant to Workers' Compensation Law Section 110-a:

3. Individual authorization. Notwithstanding the restrictions on disclosure set forth under subdivision one of this section, a person who is the subject of a workers' compensation record may authorize the release, re-release or publication of his or her record to a specific person not otherwise authorized to receive such record, by submitting written authorization for such release to the board on a form prescribed by the chair or by a notarized original authorization specifically directing the board to release workers' compensation records to such person. However, in accordance with section one hundred twenty-five of this article, no such authorization directing disclosure of records to a prospective employer shall be valid; nor shall an authorization permitting disclosure of records in connection with assessing fitness or capability for employment be valid, and no disclosure of records shall be made pursuant thereto. It shall be unlawful for any person to consider for the purpose of assessing eligibility for a benefit, or as the basis for an employment-related action, an individual's failure to provide authorization under this subdivision.

4. It shall be unlawful for any person who has obtained copies of board records or individually identifiable information from board records to disclose such information to any person who is not otherwise lawfully entitled to obtain these records.

5. Any person who knowingly and willfully obtains workers' compensation records which contain individually identifiable information under false pretenses or otherwise violates this section shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor and shall be subject upon conviction, to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars.

6. In addition to or in lieu of any criminal proceeding available under this section, whenever there shall be a violation of this section, application may be made by the attorney general in the name of the people of the state of New York to a court or justice having jurisdiction by a special proceeding to issue an injunction, and upon notice to the defendant of not less than five days, to enjoin and restrain the continuance of such violations; and if it shall appear to the satisfaction of the court or justice that the defendant has, in fact, violated this section, an injunction may be issued by such court or justice, enjoining and restraining any further violation, without requiring proof that any person has, in fact, been injured or damaged thereby. In any such proceeding, the court may make allowances to the attorney general as provided in paragraph six of subdivision (a) of section eighty-three hundred three of the civil practice law and rules, and direct restitution. Whenever the court shall determine that a violation of this section has occurred, the court may impose a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars for the first violation, and not more than one thousand dollars for the second or subsequent violation within a three year period. In connection with any such proposed application, the attorney general is authorized to take proof and make a determination of the relevant facts and to issue subpoenas in accordance with the civil practice law and rules.