



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

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To: All Self Insured Employers and Third Party Administrators

From: Jean M. Vanek, Self Insurance Program Manager

**Subject: Proliance Surgeons' letter regarding payment for Activity Prescription Forms (APF)**

On February 22, 2008, Washington self-insured employers and their third party administrators received a letter from the Proliance Surgeons. The letter proposed to establish charges that exceed L&I's standard medical fee schedules. I am writing today to correct and clarify information contained in the Proliance mailing.

As medical providers for L&I's Orthopedic and Neurological (Ortho-Neuro) Pilot, Proliance is authorized to charge certain employers higher "Tier 3" billing codes for services to injured workers. The pilot also allows Proliance to determine the number and frequency of pilot 1069M Activity Prescription Forms (APF), that Proliance doctors generate. Employers who sign up for the Ortho-Neuro Pilot agree to pay both higher fees and open-ended APF charges in exchange for enhanced services and stipulated quality indicators.

**Only employers participating in the pilot program can be required to pay for these additional services and higher fees.** All other employers – whether State Fund or Self Insured – are bound by L&I's standard medical fee schedule and policies. In addition, only the initial 1073M Insurer APF is covered until, or unless, subsequent forms are requested by the claims manager.

If you have questions or concerns about this issue, or about medical fee schedules in general, please contact Fran Mauritsen, Self Insurance Medical Treatment Adjudicator, at (360) 902-6938.