

EMPLOYEE REQUEST FOR A SECOND/THIRD MEDICAL OPINION

You have the opportunity to request and obtain a second and a third medical opinion within the provider network if you have a disagreement with the treatment or diagnosis. During this process, you must continue to receive your treatment with your current treating physician, or another provider of your choice within the MPN. To view the entire list of MPN providers, you may log onto ceo.lacounty.gov/mpn as described in Page 1 number 3. This process is as follows:

1. If you disagree with the treatment plan or diagnosis you can request a 2nd or 3rd medical opinion.
2. A request is generated from the employee either by phone or in writing to the Claims Adjuster.
3. The request is received by the Claims Adjuster who will provide a regional area listing of providers within the network for you to choose from. At any time you have the right to choose a physician from the entire MPN network or from the list provided.
4. You must schedule an appointment with one of the physicians from the supplied list or from the entire MPN within (60) sixty days, or it shall be deemed by the Claims Adjuster who will provide a regional area listing of providers within the network or from the list provided.
5. Once you have obtained an appointment, you must notify your claims adjuster of the physician, the appointment date and time.
6. If the appointment is not made within 60 days of receipt of the list of available MPN providers, then you shall be deemed to have waived the second and/or third opinion process.
7. During this process, you are required to continue your treatment with the treating physician or a physician of your choice within the MPN.
8. If the 2nd or 3rd opinion physician determines that your injury is outside the scope of their practice, you will be provided with a new list of MPN providers and/or specialists.
9. If you disagree with the 2nd opinion, then you can request a 3rd opinion and follow Steps 2-5 as above.
10. If you disagree with the diagnosis or treatment of the third opinion physician, you may request an Independent Medical Review. At the time you request a third opinion, your employer, MPN contact or adjuster will give you information on requesting an Independent Medical Review and the form.
11. At the time of your selection of your third opinion physician, you will be supplied with information on how to request an independent medical review, along with an application of Independent Medical Review for you to complete, should you disagree with the third opinion.
12. The claims adjuster will contact the treating physician, provide a copy of the medical records or send the necessary records to the second and/or third opinion physician prior to the appointment date. Upon your request, you can receive a copy of the medical records from your claims adjuster.
13. The second/third opinion physician will be notified in writing that he or she has been selected to provide a second/third opinion and the nature of the dispute with a copy to you.
14. A copy of the written report shall be provided to the employee, the person designated by the employer or insurer, and the treating physician within 20 days of the date of the appointment or receipt of the results of the diagnostic tests, whichever is later.
15. You may obtain the recommended treatment within the MPN. If you choose you may obtain the recommended treatment by changing physicians to the second opinion physician, third opinion physician, or another MPN physician.

CHANGING YOUR PHYSICIAN

You are allowed to change to another provider if you would like to change providers for any other reason than listed above under Employee Request for a Second/Third Opinion. Your request may be directed to your nurse case manager or your claims adjuster. The provider must be within the Medical Provider Network. If you require a referral to a specialist, (orthopedist, dermatologist, etc.), contact your employer MPN contact, claims adjuster, or your case manager, if assigned, for assistance in selecting and scheduling an appointment with a specialist. The specialist you choose can be from the entire MPN.