

Transfer of Care Policy

Your employer or insurer has a “*Transfer of Care*” policy which will determine if you can continue being temporarily treated for an existing work-related injury by a physician outside of the MPN before your care is transferred into the MPN.

If you have properly predesignated a primary treating physician, you cannot be transferred into the MPN. (If you have questions about predesignating, ask your supervisor.) If your current doctor is not or does not become a member of the MPN, then you may be required to see a MPN physician.

If your employer decides to transfer you into the MPN, you and your primary treating physician must receive a letter notifying you of the transfer.

If you meet certain conditions, you may qualify to continue treating with a non-MPN physician for up to a year before you are transferred into the MPN. The qualifying conditions to postpone the transfer of your care into the MPN are:

- **(Acute)** The treatment for your injury or illness will be completed in less than 90 days;
- **(Serious or chronic)** Your injury or illness is one that is serious and continues for at least 90 days without full cure or worsens and requires ongoing treatment. You may be allowed to be treated by your current treating doctor for up to one year, until a safe transfer of care can be made.
- **(Terminal)** You have an incurable illness or irreversible condition that is likely to cause death within one year or less.
- **(Pending Surgery)** You already have a surgery or other procedure that has been authorized by your employer or insurer that will occur within 180 days of the MPN effective date.

You can disagree with your employer’s decision to transfer your care into the MPN. If you don’t want to be transferred into the MPN, ask your primary treating physician for a medical report on whether you have one of the four conditions stated above to qualify for a postponement of your transfer into the MPN.

Your primary treating physician has 20 days from the date of your request to give you a copy of his/her report on your condition. If your primary treating physician does not give you the report within 20 days of your request, the employer can transfer your care into the MPN and you will be required to use a MPN physician.

You will need to give a copy of the report to your employer if you wish to postpone the transfer of your care. If you or your employer disagrees with your doctor’s report on your condition, you or your employer can dispute it. See the complete transfer of care policy for more details on the dispute resolution process.

For a copy of the entire transfer of care policy, ask your MPN Contact or your claims examiner.

For Questions or MPN Information

What if I have questions or need help :

- **MPN Contact:** You may always contact the MPN Contact to answer questions about the use of MPNs or to submit a formal MPN complaint by mail at 10360 Old Placerville Road, Sacramento CA 95827, phone at (888) 290-1911, by fax at 916-362-3043, or email mmiller@alliedmanagedcare.com. If you need an explanation about your medical treatment for your work-related injury or illness you can contact your claims examiner if one has been assigned to your case.
- **Medical Access Assistants** are available Monday through Saturday (**excluding Sundays and holidays**) from 7 am to 8 pm, Pacific Time, by phone at 844 MPN-HELP(844-676-4357), email at MPNHelp@alliedmanagedcare.com, fax (916) 362-3043.
- **Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC):** If you have concerns, complaints or questions regarding the MPN, the notification process or your medical treatment after a work-related injury or illness, you can call DWC's Information and Assistance Unit at 800-736-7401. You can also go to DWC's website at www.dir.ca.gov/dwc and click on "Medical provider networks" for more information about MPNs.
- **Independent Medical Review:** If you have questions about the Independent Medical Review process contact the Division of Workers' Compensation Medical Unit at:

DWC Medical Unit
P.O. Box 71010
Oakland CA 94612
(510)286-3700 or (800)794-6900

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