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KARLA,

These need to be printed, distributed and logged in. Thanks.

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From: Williams, Paulette A [mailto:PAWILLI1@stpaultravelers.com]
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2006 4:19 PM
To: Wunsch, Eileen
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Eileen,

I have (2) comments:

1. To refute the medical community needing 6 months to find out the kind of insurance that a person has. I have never been treated in a doctor's office or a hospital without giving insurance information. One of the first things you are asked is what kind of insurance do you have? Also, when the doctor does his exam he asks his patient what is the reason for the appointment; at this point most injured worker will be saying that they were hurt. If the 90 days for submission of medical bills is extended, then the insurer's time for payment should also be extended.
2. There is an issue with some provider's offices that print their bills but do not mail them on the same day. There is sometimes a one day delay or as much as a week. Some offices stamp at the top of their bill, Original Mail Date and then the date the bill was mailed. I think this should be considered to ensure that the date used for fee reviews is correct.

Thank you,
 Paulette Williams