

NOTICE TO UNION EMPLOYEES

Union Construction Workers' Compensation Program Exclusive Provider Organization

The Union Construction Workers' Compensation Program (UCWCP) includes a network of doctors. This network, known as the Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO), includes over 300 of the most effective doctors in Minnesota for treating work injuries. All of these doctors have extensive experience treating construction injuries and they are noted for keeping employees, employers, and insurers informed about treatment plans and work restrictions. Injured union employees must seek treatment within the EPO. See the reverse side for the benefits of the EPO.

Therefore, when a work-injury occurs:

- **For life threatening injury or illness, call 911.**
- **Report the injury to your foreman and safety director.**
- **Follow your employer's Accident Procedures, which may include seeking treatment from a designated clinic.**
- **If your employer does not have a designated clinic, you may find an EPO clinic by:**
 - **Call the EPO Referral Center at 877-838-6841 and press 1 at the prompt to request an appointment at the clinic nearest you or your worksite.**

You may also search the current list of EPO clinics and physicians at any time by visiting our web site, www.ucwcp.com/healthcare.asp

For more information about the benefits of the UCWCP, ask your employer for the brochure, *Union Employee's Guide*. The brochure explains the way the program operates if you are injured while working for a participating employer. If you have any questions about the program or need assistance, please call the program's facilitator. This facilitator will talk with you whenever needed.

Purpose of the Exclusive Provider Organization

- ❑ Improve treatment outcomes by using occupational medicine specialists as primary care providers
- ❑ Clear documentation of patients' objective condition, diagnosis, treatment plan, and relationship of condition to work activities
- ❑ Prevent disputes regarding choice of treating doctors and treatment plan
- ❑ Provide legible, credible and consistent light-duty work restrictions to employers within 24 hours of appointments
- ❑ Quicker approval for diagnostic tests and appointments for specialty exams
- ❑ Reduce and monitor use of narcotic pain medications
- ❑ Faster recovery from injury and return to pre-injury job
- ❑ Faster claim resolution and settlement