

## Indiana Workers' Compensation Board Update:

As of this date, usage of the new State Form 2118, Report of Attending Physician, shall not be mandatory.

The intent is to expedite the approval process for PPI awards. Currently, the Board is often forced to seek additional details which have been omitted from the initial physician's report. This presents a hindrance to our goals of a 24 hour turnaround and accurate and timely payments to injured workers.

The new SF 2118 is clear, concise and, most importantly, relevant to how PPI awards are accurately calculated for approval. Adjusters will ultimately be required to use it, as well as the electronic versions of SF 1043 and 38911, in the upcoming year. However, the Board will give advance notice of this requirement.

Physicians will not be asked to complete this form but should use it as a guideline while dictating their own. We do encourage all interested parties to begin using this form, to which the physician's dictated report can be attached, as soon as practicable. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Worker's Compensation Board of Indiana