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To: Workers' Compensation Insurance Carriers
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From: Ronald Dressler, Acting Director
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Re: Electro-Physiologic Testing

The Utah Labor Commission's Medical Fee Guidelines govern payments to medical providers for their treatment of injured workers under the Utah Workers' Compensation Act. Title III, Section 11.i states that "electromyographic examinations on industrially-injured patients in Utah should be accomplished by physicians." However, the Utah Division of Professional Licensing ("DOPL") has determined that this type of testing is also within the permitted scope of practice for physical therapists.

In light of DOPL's determination on this scope-of-practice issue, the Labor Commission advises that Title III, Section 11 of the current Guidelines should not be construed to prevent properly trained physical therapists from performing electro-physiologic testing on injured workers. The Commission will amend this section in the next edition of the Guidelines to remove references to "physicians" and substitute more generic language consistent with DOPL's determination.

Questions or concerns regarding this clarification should be addressed to:

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