

ADVISORY NO. 117

**TOPIC: NEW PROCEDURE FOR COMMUTED IMPAIRMENT
INCOME BENEFITS**

TWCC has released Advisory 94-01 as a new procedure for review of commutation of IIBs, as filed by the carrier on TWCC-51. Rule 147.10(e) requires the carrier to file notice of approval or denial of the request to the employee no later than 14 days after receipt of the TWCC-51 request. A copy of the notice is required to be filed with the TWCC field office managing the claim.

In addition to reviewing carrier denied lump sum benefits, the field office will review all approved commutations to ensure compliance with Rule 147.10(a).

If TWCC determines that commutation approval was not done according to the rule and Statute Section 408.128, the carrier will be notified to resume weekly impairment benefits immediately. A dispute of TWCC's determination will allow the carrier to request a BRC.

NOTE: Commuted payment determined by TWCC to not be in compliance with the statute or the rule may be considered gratuitous, which may not be recovered by the carrier.