

ADVISORY NO. 136

TOPIC: NOTIFICATION OF CLAIMANT'S APPEAL

Flahive, Ogden & Latson has experienced occasions recently of the claimant filing an appeal and only sending a copy of the appeal to the carrier without a copy to Flahive, Ogden & Latson. Unless the carrier sends a copy to Flahive, Ogden & Latson, we have no way of knowing the claimant has filed the appeal. Because of the 15-day deadline to respond, it is essential that Flahive, Ogden & Latson be notified timely in order to preserve the carrier's position.

Please alert all adjusters of the importance of the claimant's appeal which may be hand written or in any other form. Upon receipt all adjusters should verify the Flahive, Ogden & Latson that a copy has been received. It is not a safe practice to assume Flahive, Ogden & Latson has received the claimant's appeal.

Refer to Rules 143.3 and 143.4.