

ADVISORY NO. 164

TOPIC: SPINAL SURGERY CCH'S

The Commission is setting the Contested Case Hearings on spinal surgery disputes on a very expedited basis. Rule 133.206 requires that we request an appeal within 10 days after receipt of the notice from the Commission regarding the carrier's liability for spinal surgery. According to the rule, the contested case "WILL BE" scheduled to be held within 20 days of the Commission's receipt of the request for the CCH.

Under the best of circumstances, from the date that you request a CCH until we attend the hearing, we will have very little time to prepare. For that reason, it is extremely important that you forward to FO&L a full and complete copy of the file materials necessary to present your case at the CCH. **THIS SHOULD BE DONE AT THE TIME THAT YOU REQUEST DISPUTE RESOLUTION.**

This procedure will help us maximize our opportunity to present your case in your behalf.