

ADVISORY NO. 193

**TOPIC: NO PREAUTHORIZATION OF HOSPITALIZATION
NECESSARY FOR CARRIER-ACCEPTED SPINAL SURGERY CASES**

The Commission has issued the attached TWCC Advisory 96-07 to remind all parties of Rule 133.206 regarding spinal surgery costs that are related to a compensable injury.

If the carrier is liable for spinal surgery, the hospitals are relieved of any obligation to obtain preauthorization of the hospitalization for surgery.

Denial of hospital bills because of the hospital's failure to obtain preauthorization may result in an administrative violation.