

**ADVISORY NO. 208**

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**TOPIC:       DISPUTING CHANGE IN TREATING DOCTOR**

There has been an ongoing disagreement about how to contest a change of treating doctor. That seems to be resolved for the present by a dispute resolution log notation. As reported in the October 1996 *FOLIO*, DRL96-114 makes it clear that one must dispute a treating doctor by requesting a BRC within ten days of the date notified of the change in treating doctor.

There is no requirement to separately file a TWCC-21. You may elect to do this to avoid an argument that this is a compensability issue, however, neither the statute, the rules nor current Commission policy requires the filing of a TWCC-21. The Commission has discouraged the filing of TWCC-21s in instances not involving a compensability dispute.