

ADVISORY NO. 270

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**TOPIC: NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUSPEND TEMPORARY INCOME BENEFITS
BASED UPON RME DOCTOR**

Attached is TWCC Advisory 99-04. This alerts you to the fact that the Commission has adopted new Rule 126.7 providing for suspension of TIBs based upon the opinion of an RME doctor. You will recall that House Bill 2510 passed in the last legislative session required this.

As a part of the new advisory, TWCC has promulgated the Notice of Intent form. This form shall NOT be filed with TWCC until the earlier of the treating doctor's disagreement or the eighth day after the treating doctor received the form. The carrier shall NOT file the notice with TWCC if the carrier suspends benefit for any reason other than the RME doctor's opinion.

At the time the notice is filed, the carrier must include a copy of the RME doctor's report and any responses received from the treating doctor and employee. Note that the carrier is to complete Part 1 and Part II of the form. Part III is to be completed by the employee or the treating doctor. If the employee or treating doctor completes Part III of the form, at the time the form is filed with the Commission, the carrier may complete Part IV to outline the carrier's response to the treating doctor and employee's responses.

Note that this is to be filed with the FIELD OFFICE. TWCC prefers that this be filed with the Field Office by fax and requests that carriers contact the field office to determine the fax number.

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