



## CCSF Medical Provider Network Covered Employees

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Dear Employee:

Governor Schwarzenegger and the California legislature initiated workers' compensation reform in January 2004. At that time, several laws were passed regarding California's workers' compensation system. In January 2005, changes relating to how medical treatment should be provided to workers who claim industrial injuries or illnesses were enacted. On July 1, 2007 the City and County of San Francisco (CCSF) implemented these changes with the creation of a Medical Provider Network (MPN) which is a network of physicians and other medical care providers qualified to treat work related injuries or illnesses. Over the past two years, MPN legislation has been modified and updated. In order to be in compliance with the new regulations, the City and County of San Francisco has re-evaluated its MPN and made changes to both its network and notification materials. As a result of these material modifications, the City and County of San Francisco is required to notify employees of these updates. These changes will go into effect on February 19, 2010. Until that time we will continue under the original program.

The CCSF MPN also has a new website to access the listing of the network as well as pre-designation forms and updated MPN notification materials. The new website is:

<http://www.intermedccs.com/CCSFMPN>

If you have difficulty accessing the website or do not have access to a computer, hard copies of the new network and notification materials are available. To obtain hard copies of these documents please call (415) 557-4800.

The updated MPN employee handbook provides information to help you through your work-related injury or illness. **Please read this handbook carefully.**

If you are presently treating for a workers' compensation injury or illness, you may be required to transfer care from your present doctor to a CCSF MPN physician, unless you can demonstrate one of the exceptions to this requirement. These criteria are outlined in the handbook. If you are currently treating for a work injury or illness, you will receive another letter advising you of your rights regarding treatment within the CCSF MPN.

If you have questions, please contact your Human Resources representative or the MPN contact listed in the handbook.

Sincerely,

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