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ADDENDUM

WORKERS COMPENSATION (PHYSIOTHERAPY, CHIROPRACTIC, OSTEOPATHY FEES) ORDER 2016

Notice of Addendum to the Workers Compensation (Physiotherapy, Chiropractic, Osteopathy Fees) Order 2016 published on 11 December 2015

I, Carmel Donnelly, Executive Director, Workers and Home Building Compensation Regulation, State Insurance Regulatory Authority, make the following addendum to the *Workers Compensation (Physiotherapy, Chiropractic, Osteopathy Fees) Order 2016* published on 11 December 2015.

Dated this day 21st of January 2016

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State Insurance Regulatory Authority

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The second paragraph of the Explanatory note is deleted and replaced by the paragraph in the Addendum.

New paragraph 12 is inserted after paragraph 11.

The requirement that Physiotherapists, Chiropractors or Osteopaths must be approved by the State Insurance Regulatory Authority to recover fees under this Order is amended to the extent of the Addendum.

Explanatory note

This Order makes provision for Allied Health Recovery Requests/Management Plans and the approval by workers compensation insurers of certain Physiotherapy, Chiropractic and Osteopathy services. No fees are payable for Physiotherapy, Chiropractic or Osteopathy services provided by a Physiotherapist, Chiropractor or Osteopath who is not approved by the State Insurance Regulatory Authority, Workers Compensation Regulation (the Authority). However, non-approved Physiotherapists, Chiropractors and Osteopaths are able to continue to recover fees for services provided to workers respectively under Schedule A of the *Workers Compensation (Physiotherapy Fees) Order 2015*, Schedule A of the *Workers Compensation (Chiropractic Fees) Order 2015* or Schedule A *Workers Compensation (Osteopathy Fees) Order 2015*, each published on 12 December 2014 for the period up to and including 31 March 2016. The 'State Insurance Regulatory Authority Workers Compensation Regulation Guideline for approval of treating Allied Health Practitioners' published on 11 December 2015 requires all allied health practitioners to complete mandatory online training in order to recover fees for services provided to a worker under Part 2 Division 3 of the *Workers Compensation Act 1987*.

12. Transitional arrangements for non-approved Physiotherapists, Chiropractors and Osteopaths

This Order does not apply to the recovery of fees by non-approved Physiotherapists, Chiropractors and Osteopaths until 1 April 2016.

Up until 31 March 2016 non-approved Physiotherapists, Chiropractors and Osteopaths can seek recovery for costs for services provided to workers under Schedule A of the *Workers Compensation (Physiotherapy Fees) Order 2015*, Schedule A of the *Workers Compensation (Chiropractic Fees) Order 2015* or Schedule A of the *Workers Compensation (Osteopathy Fees) Order 2015*, each published on 12 December 2014.

From 1 April 2016 this Order will apply to all Physiotherapists, Chiropractors and Osteopaths that provide services to workers and seek recovery of costs under Part 3 Division 3 of the *Workers Compensation Act 1987*. The 'State Insurance Regulatory Authority Workers Compensation Regulation Guideline for approval of treating Allied Health Practitioners' requires all allied health practitioners to complete mandatory online training in order to be approved to provide allied health services to workers.