

Protect Your Rights by Pre-Designating Your Doctor

As a worker in California, your right to pre-designate a physician in the event of a future on-the-job injury has been extended indefinitely. Make sure that you—not your employer—control your medical care if you are injured on the job.

It is more important than ever for you to advise your employer ***in writing before*** an injury that if you're hurt on the job you want to be treated by your personal physician. This enables you to continue to be cared for by a doctor who knows your medical history and with whom you have built a relationship. Be sure to keep a copy of your signed pre-designation form for your records.

If an employer has a Medical Provider Network to treat injured employees, a worker must usually be treated by a doctor in that network unless he or she pre-designates.

To learn more about how Gordon, Edelstein, Krepack, Grant, Felton & Goldstein, LLP protects the rights of those who have suffered serious injuries on or off the job, visit www.geklaw.com or call us at 213-739-7000.



Pursuant to Labor Code Section 5432(a), making a false or fraudulent workers' compensation claim is a felony subject to up to 5 years in prison or a fine of up to \$50,000 or double the value of the fraud, whichever is greater, or by both imprisonment and fine.

PREDESIGNATION OF PERSONAL PHYSICIAN

In the event you sustain an injury or illness related to your employment, you may be treated for such injury or illness by your personal medical doctor (M.D.), doctor of osteopathic medicine (D.O.) or medical group if:

- your employer offers group health coverage;
- the doctor is your regular physician, who shall be either a physician who has limited his or her practice of medicine to general practice or who is a board-certified or board-eligible internist, pediatrician, obstetrician-gynecologist, or family practitioner, and has previously directed your medical treatment, and retains your medical records;
- your "personal physician" may be a medical group if it is a single corporation or partnership composed of licensed doctors of medicine or osteopathy, which operates an integrated multispecialty medical group providing comprehensive medical services predominantly for nonoccupational illnesses and injuries;
- prior to the injury your doctor agrees to treat you for work injuries or illnesses;
- prior to the injury you provided your employer the following in writing: (1) notice that you want your personal doctor to treat you for a work-related injury or illness, and (2) your personal doctor's name and business address.

You may use this form to notify your employer if you wish to have your personal medical doctor or a doctor of osteopathic medicine treat you for a work-related injury or illness and the above requirements are met.

NOTICE OF PREDESIGNATION OF PERSONAL PHYSICIAN

Employee: Complete this section.

To: _____ (name of employer) If I have a work-related injury or illness, I choose to be treated by:

(name of doctor)(M.D., D.O., or medical group)

(street address, city, state, ZIP)

(telephone number)

Employee Name (please print):

Employee's Address:

Employee's

Signature_____Date:_____

Physician: I agree to this Predesignation:

Signature:_____Date:_____

(Physician or Designated Employee of the Physician or Medical Group)

The physician is not required to sign this form, however, if the physician or designated employee of the physician or medical group does not sign, other documentation of the physician's agreement to be predesignated will be required pursuant to Title 8, California Code of Regulations, section 9780.1(a)(3).

Title 8, California Code of Regulations, section 9783.

(Optional DWC Form 9783 March 1, 2007)