RETURN TO WORK

Return to work is authorized by the attending physician in the following two forms:

Regular Duty: The employee must immediately notify Peggy Boyle in Human Resources at (203) 837-8662, your supervisor, and the WCSU Payroll Office at (203) 837-8365 when the attending physician outlines a release for regular duty.

Restricted Duty: The employee must immediately notify Peggy Boyle in Human Resources at (203) 837-8662, your supervisor, and the WCSU Payroll Office at (203) 837-8365 when the attending physician outlines a return to work for restricted duty. Accommodations will be made whenever possible to return the employee to work within their restrictions. The WCSU Payroll Office must receive a Worker Status Report from the medical provider clearly indicating the nature and expected duration of the employee’s restrictions.

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Please note that payroll deductions for health insurance and other items are not deducted from workers’ compensation checks. It is the employee’s responsibility to make payment arrangements with payroll benefits personnel to prevent these benefits from lapsing.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Western Connecticut State University has been provided with an Environmental, Health and Safety Staff to provide assistance with accident prevention and investigation. The Health and Safety Division of the Environmental and Facilities Services Department plays an active role in conducting post-accident investigations and making appropriate recommendations to avoid recurrence.

Questions regarding the Environmental and Facilities Services Department role in accident investigations can be directed to Pano Koukopoulos at (203) 837-9352.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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WHAT IS WORKERS’ COMPENSATION?

Workers’ Compensation is a mandatory program provided by the State of Connecticut that provides payment of medical expenses and lost wages for employees who suffer work-related injuries or illness. This system may also provide other benefits for those who qualify. Connecticut General Statutes regulate what benefits are due to an injured employee.

MANAGED CARE SYSTEM

The State of Connecticut operates a managed care program administered by Gallagher Bassett / Prime Health in compliance with Connecticut General Statutes. The program provides a network of medical facilities and physicians within which the injured employee must treat, along with nurse care management support for coordinated care when the injuries are more extensive.

Directories of Network Medical Providers are available through the WCSU Payroll Office.

Receiving treatment outside Gallagher Bassett/Prime Health Medical Provider Network may jeopardize your entitlement to available workers’ compensation benefits, subject to the jurisdiction of the Workers’ Compensation Commissioner.

Injured employees requiring prescribed medications should have their prescriptions filled at a Gallagher Bassett network pharmacy to avoid out-of-pocket expenses. Directories of network pharmacies are available through the WCSU Payroll Office or Gallagher Bassett/my Matrixx at 1-877-804-4900.

ROLE OF THE THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR

The workers’ compensation claims administrator, Gallagher Bassett, approves or contests claims. The decision is not made by your supervisor, the WCSU Payroll Office or Western Connecticut State University.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE INJURED ON THE JOB

If an injury is life threatening, contact 911 for emergency medical response.

Immediatly report any new injury or recurrence of a prior injury to your supervisor.

Provide the supervisor with all information necessary to complete the workers’ compensation accident report.

The supervisor must immediately call the injury reporting hotline, 1-800-828-2717, to report the incident. Send the completed forms to the WCSU payroll office within 24 hours.

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