



Berkshire Hathaway Homestate Companies

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BHHC MEDICAL PROVIDER NETWORK Notification Materials (BHHC-MPN)

Dear Policyholder:

Major Workers' Compensation Reform (SB 899), was enacted in California in response to skyrocketing medical costs. SB 899 implemented additional medical fee schedules, gave utilization review guidelines by the American College of Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) the presumption of correctness and allowed for employers to exercise lifetime medical control of their workers' compensation claims by offering a Medical Provider Network (MPN) to their injured employees. The Berkshire Hathaway Homestate Companies' MPN (BHHC-MPN) utilizes the Blue Cross of California PPO Network. BHHC requires that all BHHC clients use Blue Cross facilities. You should immediately check the Blue Cross Network website at www.bclhwcmcs.com and click on the "Provider Finder" to find out if your industrial clinic is in the Network.

In the near future you will receive a BHHC-MPN enrollment packet, which contains:

- 1). The Notification of Rights pamphlet that needs to be provided to all of your employees.
- 2). An acknowledgement form to document receipt of this information. **You need to document that each of your employees receive the Notification of Rights information.**
- 3). MPN information: MPN Overview – Guide for Employers.
- 4). Personal physician pre-designation information and generic pre-designation form.

The following are some ways that you can notify your employees that they will be in the BHHC-MPN in the event of a work related injury or illness:

- 1). **Immediately:** Provide each employee with the Notification of Rights letter and the acknowledgement form via mail with a proof of mailing or attached to a paycheck.
- 2). Hold an employee meeting and hand out the Notification letter and acknowledgement forms at the end of the meeting. Have all employees sign in to document attendance, collect acknowledgement forms at the end of the meeting.
- 3). Send the Notification letter via e-mail with a return receipt requested to document that it was opened. Attach the return receipt to the acknowledgment form, copy and forward the copy to BHHC.
- 4). Continue to notify all new hire employees of the MPN at the time of hire. We suggest that you include this information in your new hire notification packet.

**Send all completed acknowledgement forms to: Berkshire Hathaway Homestate Companies
MPN Coordinator, P.O. Box 7008, Pasadena, CA 91109.**

Please contact our MPN Coordinator at (800) 339-9809 ext. 126, if you have any questions.

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