

Stop the Attacks on Injured Workers in New York!



The New York State Workers' Compensation Board has issued business-first guidelines that will strip already weak protections and render workers' comp impossible for many of New York's injured workers.

IMPACT ON WORKERS

WITH THIS NEW "INSULT TO INJURY RULE," ALREADY INJURED WORKERS WILL BE DENIED UNBIASED MEDICAL CARE AND WILL BE FORCED TO GO TO A COMPANY-ASSIGNED DOCTOR who can perform any exam or ask any question—regardless of relevance to a person's injury. If the company doctor then decides that that worker did not "fully cooperate" with the exam, the doctor can recommend a suspension of benefits and care.



THE NEW YORK STATE WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD IS READY TO SLASH PROTECTIONS BY ELIMINATING INJURY PAYMENTS FOR A NUMBER OF INJURIES TO WORKERS ALREADY STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET. Fractures, ligament and tendon tears, dislocated patellas – the list goes on and on of painful life-altering injuries to the body that would be eliminated from any payment under the comp system.

List of injury payments the Board will eliminate if we don't stop them:

- Elbow fractures and dislocations
- Bicep and tricep tendon ruptures
- Collateral ligament tears
- Joint replacement of the elbow
- Rotator cuff tears
- Fractures
- Shoulder separations and dislocations
- Ligament and tendon tears
- Shoulder replacement surgery
- Labral tears
- Hip replacement surgery
- Tears of the meniscus
- ACL
- Posterior collateral ligament
- Fractures
- Patella dislocations
- Knee Replacement Surgery
- Achilles tendon rupture

Proposals will slash vital injury payments for a number of impairments associated with a workers' ability to fully extend their arms and legs, cutting benefits by up to 97% for some injuries.



THE NEW YORK STATE WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD WANTS TO ILLEGALLY SEIZE THE POWER OF THE LEGISLATURE TO DETERMINE THE NATURE OF MEDICAL IMPAIRMENT, ELIMINATING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY AND SPELLING DOOM FOR WORKERS COMP IN NEW YORK STATE. This proposal grants the Board sweeping authority to sidestep the law to adjust claims, regardless of what the legislation guarantees.



IF WE DON'T DEFEAT THESE PROPOSALS ...



Workers Comp will be destroyed.



Anti-worker businesses will win.



New Yorkers will be abandoned when they're injured and unable to pay for housing, food, and other basic needs.

SUPPORT INJURED WORKERS AND OPPOSE THESE BACKWARDS PROPOSALS SO WE CAN KEEP FIGHTING TO IMPROVE THE WORKERS' COMP SYSTEM!



Join the campaign! Sign our petition, call your legislator and submit comments to regulations@wcb.ny.gov by October 23, 2017.