If you’ve been injured on the job, therapeutic institutions like Advanced Back & Neck Care possess extensive knowledge, and experience related to Workers’ Compensation injuries and claims. They can help in providing claimants with all of the documents necessary to achieve maximum compensation.

How Does Worker’s Compensation Work?

Laws regarding Workers’ Compensation claims vary from state to state. It is important to be aware of the established rules and guidelines specific to your location so that mistakes are not made that could lead to the dismissal of a claim. Workers’ Compensation cases can usually be resolved through settlement or through the judicial process.

After submitting workers’ compensation claims, and achieving Notice of Claims Status, the Industrial Commission of Arizona (ICA) will follow up with notification regarding:

- If the claim was accepted or denied
- The benefits that will be provided
- The average monthly wage to be awarded
- When termination will take place
- Permanent status decision
- The type of disability to be received
- The percentage of impairment (rated on a scale of 0%-100% and is used to create a distinction between disability and impairment).

Workers’ Compensation in Arizona is part of a “no-fault” system of medical and compensation benefits that does not depend on any determination of negligence. This means that if a worker injures themselves by mishandling a
piece of equipment, he or she will not be denied compensation.

How to Apply for Workers’ Compensation

Adhering to all of the designated guidelines will help to ensure that your claim is processed and that compensation is received. For successful applications, make sure to:

- Report an injury claim to the employer
- File a worker’s compensation claim with the Industrial Commission of Arizona (directly or through a hospital/treatment center.)
- Request a hearing through the Industrial Commission of Arizona if the claim is denied
- Obtain legal representation
- Answer all interrogatories, and attend all depositions, hearings, and medical appointments

What if Workers’ Compensation is Denied?

An employee dissatisfied with the compensation they have received for an on the job injury must file a request for a hearing within 90 days. Workers will also want to consult any information provided by the ICA to ensure that the hearing request is properly filed. If worker’s compensation is denied in Arizona, a request for a hearing should be filed with the ICA. Once processed, a hearing will be scheduled to dispute the claim before an Administrative Law Judge, an employee of the Industrial Commission of Arizona that will be assigned to the handling and resolution of a worker’s compensation claim that falls into dispute.

First hearings are conducted at the employee’s request to dispute disability benefit payments and/or medical treatment. In many cases, only preliminary compensation is awarded during first hearings, and the case is then placed on the court’s docket. Several subsequent hearings may be scheduled following the first hearing as requested.

Let Advanced Back & Neck Care Help Ease Your Pain

Advanced Back & Neck Care specializes in Workers’ Compensation claims. We provide expert care and treatment for individuals recently injured, recovering from surgery, or in need of medical massage. Same-day appointments are available if necessary so as to assist in the prompt filing of a claim. Chiropractic services are also available to treat pain related to injuries. Contact us here, or call 480-245-5733 today!