

**Designated Physician Policy Statement**

Effective April 26, 2005, the following policy will be in effect regarding workers' compensation illnesses or injuries.

The Jackson County Board of Supervisors have designated Tri-State Occupational Therapy, located at 4155 Pennsylvania Avenue, Dubuque, Iowa as its workers' compensation authorized treating physician/clinic, as provided by law under Chapter 85.39 of the Code of Iowa.

Employees with a work-related illness or injury will be required to have their initial evaluation with this physician/clinic. Only in an emergency situation, or for a minor triage situation as determined by Company Nurse, an injured employee may visit an alternate emergency facility and/or clinic for your initial evaluation. Unless otherwise authorized by IMWCA, all follow up evaluations will be made at Tri-State Occupational Therapy. If appropriate, and with prior approval from IMWCA, Tri-State Occupational Therapy may make referrals to other specialists.

If an employee decides to go to another provider without the referral from the authorized treating physician, the employee will be responsible for all expenses related to those visits. No workers' compensation benefits may be claimed unless seen by the authorized treating physician.

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