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New Disability Procedure Regarding “Notice of Injury Report”

The SERS Disability Section is now requiring all employees requesting occupational or temporary disability to supply SERS with a copy of the “Workers’ Compensation Employees’ Notice of Injury Report” (CMS 900 Form). This may be sent to SERS along with the Claim Notification (form 3901) or given to the employee upon request. This form is required prior to SERS paying disability benefits. Please note that temporary disability is paid to employees who apply for TTD benefits but are denied. This benefit is 50% of the employee’s salary or average final compensation (whichever is higher) but is not the same benefit as non-occupational disability.

Reminder Regarding Suspension of TTD Benefits

In situations where an employee is receiving TTD benefits and the benefits are subsequently suspended, the employee may be eligible for a “non-occupational leave without benefits”; however, they are NOT eligible for SERS non-occupational disability benefits. It is not necessary to send SERS a “Claim Notification” advising of a leave changing from “service connected leave” to a “non-occupational leave without benefits”. If you have questions, you may contact Chris Silver, Supervisor of the Disability Section. Her number is 217-785-7262.