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racies, please contact us at gpmurphy@saf.state.sc.us.

Irwin Lipman, a noted compensation lawyer, believes that the court's ruling in the case of the former fire chief,
should be extended to all similar cases. He argues that the court's decision on this issue has implications for
other areas of compensation law, including workers' compensation claims.

Lipman's argument is based on the idea that the court's decision establishes a new principle of compensation law
that goes beyond the specific facts of the case. He believes that the court's decision creates a precedent that
will be applied in future cases involving similar issues.

Lipman notes that the court's ruling in this case is significant because it addresses an issue that has been
controversial for many years. He contends that the court's decision will provide clarity and consistency in
how compensation claims are handled, which will benefit both injured workers and employers.

Lipman says that the court's decision in this case is an important step in the development of compensation law,
and that it will be closely watched by compensation lawyers and policymakers around the country.

Lipman concludes by emphasizing the importance of keeping compensation law up to date with changes in the
social and economic landscape.

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"DE" FINING OUR FORMS
Part 2:
By Connie Mack

Why are you still paying this employee “Lost Time Benefits”? If you told us a few years ago, they came back to work.

It seems logical that payments should stop when the employee is no longer entitled to them, but it is not always that simple. Sometimes it requires a Form 17.

The Form 17 is the receipt of compensation. This form is sent out to the injured worker for signature and is required to be filed with the Workers’ Compensation Commission to stop temporary total benefits. If we do not obtain an injured worker’s signature on the Form 17, by law we are required to file a Form 21 for a stop pay worker on the requirements of the Accident Fund.

This is the second part of a three part series on Forms and Fines to work. These normally consist of a large number of these fines are a direct result of failure to file forms in a timely manner. We’re on the web!

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Thank You!

The State Accident Fund would like to sincerely thank those policyholders who took the time to complete and return our annual survey. A total of 558 surveys were mailed out and we received 203 responses. That is a response rate of over 36%

The customer survey program was developed by the various services, provided by the agency’s staff and its contractors. The survey also serves as our primary means of soliciting customer recommendations.

Your responses provide us with insight into what you, our customers, feel is most important. They allow us to monitor our progress, allocate resources, and set priorities for the coming year. The responses enable us to evaluate the impact structure and process changes have on the services you receive.

Over the years the information you have provided through the survey has proven to be invaluable.

This year 97.9% of the responses received were positive.

The ABCs of Workers’ Comp

Loss Control — Those measures taken to reduce the frequency and/or severity of accidents. Loss prevention measures such as installing guards on machinery, implementing lock out tag out procedures, and requiring employees to complete training prior to performing tasks that pose a hazard are all designed to reduce the frequency of accidents. Loss reduction measures include such things as implementing a return to work program.

Independent Medical Examinations (IME) — These normally consist of a review of a patient’s medical history and treatment to date and possibly a physical examination. The IME helps the treating physician make a medical determination as to causation, current physical impairment, and the need for present or future treatment.


Percentage of Positive Customer Responses

Based on your responses we will be able to identify additional opportunities to better serve you in the future.

Thank you again for your input!