

PANEL OF PHYSICIANS OFFICIAL NOTICE

This business operates under the Georgia Workers’ Compensation Law.

WORKERS MUST REPORT ALL ACCIDENTS IMMEDIATELY TO THE EMPLOYER BY ADVISING THE EMPLOYER PERSONALLY, AN AGENT, REPRESENTATIVE, BOSS, SUPERVISOR, OR FOREMAN.

If a worker is injured at work, the employer shall pay medical and rehabilitation expenses within the limits of the law. In some cases the employer will also pay a part of the worker’s lost wages.

Work injuries and occupational diseases should be reported in writing whenever possible. The worker may lose the right to receive compensation if an accident is not reported within 30 days (see O.C.G.A. § 34-9-80).

The employer will supply free of charge, upon request, a form for reporting accidents and will also furnish, free of charge, information about workers’ compensation. The employer will also furnish to the employee, upon request, copies of board forms on file with the employer pertaining to an employee’s claim.

A worker injured on the job must select a doctor from the list below. The minimum panel shall consist of at least six physicians, including an orthopedic surgeon with no more than two physicians from industrial clinics (see O.C.G.A. § 34-9-201). Further, this panel shall include one minority physician; whenever feasible (see Rule 201 for definition of minority physician). The Board may grant exceptions to the required size of the panel where it is demonstrated that more than four physicians are not reasonably accessible.

One change of doctor to another, from the list, may be made without permission. Further changes require the permission of the employer or the State Board of Workers’ Compensation.

State Board of Workers’ Compensation

270 Peachtree Street, N.W.

Atlanta, Georgia 30303-1399

404-656-3818 or 1-800-533-0682

<https://www.sbwc.georgia.gov>

PROVIDER LISTINGS

WORKERS’ COMPENSATION ONLY

OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE – No Appointment Needed

Peachtree Immediate Care

3991 Hwy 78
Snellville, Georgia 30039
Tel: (678) 786-8677 Fax: (678) 694-1787
Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00 am to 8:00 pm (including Sat and Sun)
*Additional Locations
North Decatur Center Smartcare Building
1829 Lawrenceville Hwy, Decatur, GA 30033
(404) 292-8335
Decatur Center
1834 Clairmont Rd, Ste 100 Decatur, GA 30033
Tel: (404) 634-4443

Caduceus USA

3975-A Lawrenceville Highway
Tucker, Georgia 30084
Tel: (770) 270-8112 Fax: (770) 270-6841
Hours: Mon -Fri 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Closed: Sat and Sun
24/7 Location
Caduceus USA
1580 Boggs Rd, Ste 700
Duluth, GA 30096
Tel: (770) 255-0790

ORTHOPEDIC SURGEONS and SPECIALISTS – By Appointment Only

Dr. F. Daniel Koch
Dr. Lattisha Bilbrew (Hand, Wrist, Elbow, and Shoulder)
Dr. Lawrence Bircoll
Dr. Shawn Traub (Hip, Knee, and Shoulder)
Resurgens Orthopedics
2712 North Decatur Road
Decatur, GA 30030
Tel: (770) 491-3003 Fax: (770) 491-0729

WMG Orthopedics and Sports Medicine at East Cobb
Dr. Eric Steenlage (Orthopedics)
Dr. Justin Kunes (Hand)
Dr. Joseph Burns (Shoulder)
1211 Johnson Ferry Road
Marietta, Georgia 30068
Tel: (770) 565-0011 Fax: (770) 565-9866
Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Wed and Fri 7:30 am to 4:30 pm.
Closed for lunch 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Dr. Keith Raziano
Dr. Randy Rizor
The Physicians Spine and Rehabilitation
Specialists of Georgia PC
5730 Glenridge Drive, Suite 100
Sandy Springs, GA 30328
Tel: (404) 816 – 3000 Fax: (678) 904-5797
Hours: Mon - Thurs 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Closed for lunch 11:30 – 1:00 Mon - Thur
Fri 8:00 am to 11:30 am

Eye Physicians and Surgeons PC
1457 Scott Blvd.
Decatur, GA 30030
Tel: (404) 292-2500 Fax: (404) 294-9361
Hours Mon - Fri 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Dr. Ashok S. Reddy (Knee/Shoulder)
*Northside, Alpharetta, East Cobb Office
Dr. Scott D. Pennington (Arm/Shoulder)
*Northside, Alpharetta, Cumming, E. Cobb Office
Dr. Steven McCollam (Hand/Arm)
*College Park and Buckhead/Piedmont Office
Dr. John Chao (Ankle/Foot)
*Northside and Duluth Office
Dr. Ashkan Lahiji (Ankle/Foot)
*College Park and Buckhead/Piedmont Office
Dr. Dominic Carreira, MD (Ankle/Foot/Hip)
*West Paces, East Cobb, and Alpharetta Office
Dr. Anil Thomas (Knee/Hip)
*Northside and West Paces Office

Peachtree Orthopedic Clinic
(Piedmont/Buckhead Office)
2001 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 705
Atlanta, GA 30309
Tel: (404) 355-0743 Fax: (404) 603-8793
Hours: Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Dr. Christopher Edwards (Neurosurgeon)
Atlanta Neurological and Spine Institute
285 Boulevard N.E., Bldg. A; Suite 635
Atlanta, Georgia 30312
Tel: (404) 265-6701
Hours: Mon - Thurs 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Fri 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Dr. Thomas L. Dopson (Spine)
Resurgens Orthopedics
5671 Peachtree Dunwoody Road
Suite 900
Atlanta, GA 30342
Tel: (404) 531-8484 Fax: (404) 531-8495
Hours: Mon – Fri 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Dr. Alan Banks DPM (Podiatrist)
Village Podiatry
2295 Parklake Drive, N.E.
Suite 150
Tucker, Georgia 30345
Tel: (770) 938-5974 Fax: (770) 939-7393
Hours: Mon – Thurs 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Fri 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Closed for lunch 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

WC-BILL OF RIGHTS GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

BILL OF RIGHTS FOR THE INJURED WORKER

As required by law, O.C.G.A. §34-9-81.1, this is a summary of your rights and responsibilities. The Workers' Compensation Law provides you, as a worker in the State of Georgia, with certain rights and responsibilities should you be injured on the job. The Workers' Compensation Law provides you coverage for a work-related injury even if an injury occurs on the first day on the job. In addition to rights, you also have certain responsibilities. Your rights and responsibilities are described below.

Employee's Rights

1. If you are injured on the job, you may receive medical rehabilitation and income benefits. These benefits are provided to help you return to work. Your dependents may also receive benefits if you die as a result of a job-related injury.
2. Your employer is required to post a list of at least six doctors or the name of the certified WC/MCO that provides medical care, unless the Board has granted an exception. You may choose a doctor from the list and make one change to another doctor on the list without the permission of your employer. However, in an emergency, you may get temporary medical care from any doctor until the emergency is over, then you must get treatment from a doctor on the posted list.
3. Your authorized doctor bills, hospital bills, rehabilitation in some cases, physical therapy, prescriptions, and necessary travel expenses will be paid if injury was caused by an accident on the job. All injuries occurring on or before June 30, 2013 shall be entitled to lifetime medical benefits. If your accident occurred on or after July 1, 2013 medical treatment shall be limited to a maximum of 400 weeks from the accident date. If your injury is catastrophic in nature you may be entitled to lifetime medical benefits.
4. You are entitled to weekly income benefits if you have more than seven days of lost time due to an injury. Your first check should be mailed to you within 21 days after the first day you missed work. If you are out more than 21 consecutive days due to your injury, you will be paid for the first week.
5. Accidents are classified as being either catastrophic or non-catastrophic. Catastrophic injuries are those involving amputations, severe paralysis, severe head injuries, severe burns, blindness, or of a nature and severity that prevents the employee from being able to perform his or her prior work and any work available in substantial numbers within the national economy. In catastrophic cases, you are entitled to receive two-thirds of your average weekly wage but not more than \$675 per week for a job-related injury for as long as you are unable to return to work. You also are entitled to receive medical and vocational rehabilitation benefits to help in recovering from your injury. If you need help in this area call the State Board of Workers' Compensation at (404) 656-0849.
6. In all other cases (non-catastrophic), you are entitled to receive two-thirds of your average weekly wage but not more than \$675 per week for a job related injury. You will receive these weekly benefits as long as you are totally disabled, but no longer than 400 weeks. If you are not working and it is determined that you have been capable of performing work with restrictions for 52 consecutive weeks or 78 aggregate weeks, your weekly income benefits will be reduced to two-thirds of your average weekly wage but no more than \$450 per week, not to exceed 350 weeks.
7. When you are able to return to work, but can only get a lower paying job as a result of your injury, you are entitled to a weekly benefit of not more than \$450 per week for no longer than 350 weeks.
8. Your dependent(s), in the event you die as a result of an on-the-job accident, will receive burial expenses up to \$7,500 and two-thirds of your average weekly wage, but not more than \$675 per week. A widowed spouse with no children will be paid a maximum of \$270,000. Benefits continue until he/she remarries or openly cohabits with a person of the opposite sex.
9. If you do not receive benefits when due, the insurance carrier/employer must pay a penalty, which will be added to your payments.

Employee's Responsibilities

1. You should follow written rules of safety and other reasonable policies and procedures of the employer.
2. You must report any accident immediately, but not later than 30 days after the accident, to your employer, your employer's representative, your foreman or immediate supervisor. Failure to do so may result in the loss of the benefits.
3. An employee has a continuing obligation to cooperate with medical providers in the course of their treatment for work related injuries. You must accept reasonable medical treatment and rehabilitation services when ordered by the State Board of Workers' Compensation or the Board may suspend your benefits.
4. No compensation shall be allowed for an injury or death due to the employee's willful misconduct.
5. You must notify the insurance carrier/employer of your address when you move to a new location. You should notify the insurance carrier/employer when you are able to return to full-time or part-time work and report the amount of your weekly earnings because you may be entitled to some income benefits even though you have returned to work.
6. A dependent spouse of a deceased employee shall notify the insurance carrier/employer upon change of address or remarriage.
7. You must attempt a job approved by the authorized treating physician even if the pay is lower than the job you had when you were injured. If you do not attempt the job, your benefits may be suspended.
8. If you believe you are due benefits and your insurance carrier/employer denies these benefits, you must file a claim within one year after the date of last authorized medical treatment or within two years of your last payment of weekly benefits or you will lose your right to these benefits.
9. If your dependent(s) do not receive allowable benefit payments, the dependent(s) must file a claim with the State Board of Workers' Compensation within one year after your death or lose the right to these benefits.
10. Any request for reimbursement to you for mileage or other expenses related to medical care must be submitted to the insurance carrier/employer within one year of the date the expense was incurred.
11. If an employee unjustifiably refuses to submit to a drug test following an on-the-job injury, there shall be a presumption that the accident and injury were caused by alcohol or drugs. If the presumption is not overcome by other evidence, any claim for workers' compensation benefits would be denied.
12. You shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000.00 or imprisonment, up to 12 months, or both, for making false or misleading statements when claiming benefits. Also, any false statements or false evidence given under oath during the course of any administrative or appellate division hearing is perjury.

The State Board of Workers' Compensation will provide you with information regarding how to file a claim and will answer any other questions regarding your rights under the law. If you are calling in the Atlanta area the telephone number is (404) 656-3818, outside the metro Atlanta area call 1-800-533-0682, or write the State Board of Workers' Compensation at: 270 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-1299 or visit our website: <http://www.sbwc.georgia.gov>. A lawyer is not needed to file a claim with the Board; however, if you think you need a lawyer and do not have your own personal lawyer, you may contact the Lawyer Referral Service at (404) 521-0777 or 1-800-237-2629.

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WILLFULLY MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING OR DENYING BENEFITS IS A CRIME SUBJECT TO PENALTIES OF UP TO \$10,000.00 PER VIOLATION (O.C.G.A. §34-9-18 AND §34-9-19).

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