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**{Subject Matter for WCB/MB Review of Policies}**

**{ 1 } WCB/MB right to be wrong.** This policy not only allows the WCB/MB the right to be wrong but also is **being abused even of its intended purpose.** The WCB/MB is using and abusing this policy to be deliberately wrong to suite its own purpose and must be changed. {i.e.} With this policy in place, the WCB/MB has continuously rejected claims stating that the claimant had continued to do that type of work for a certain number of years beyond the stated injury date. This is totally dangerous and in my case, the WCB/MB rejected my claim using this reason suggesting that I could continue to expose myself to dangerous work, putting my life on the line every day, and this was O.K. This is not only wrong but is illegal according to the Workplace Safety & Health Regulations, which gives a worker the right to refuse dangerous work. In another claim where my doctors, **{specialists}**, I was told that I should not be working as a driller miner anymore due to White Hands Disease and other job suspected injuries that were yet undetermined. I ended up continuing to do my work as a driller underground in Thompson, Manitoba and ended up with torn cartilage in both wrists, loss of finger sensation in both hands, Ulna nerve damage in both arms, frayed tendons in two tendons going to two of my fingers in my right hand and enlarged nerves in all my fingers in both hands.

{2} The WCB/MB is constantly interfering with medical treatment and has to be stopped immediately in this policy. The WCB/MB should lose the right to be accepting and rejecting medical treatment. All claims should be deemed to be the provincial health's responsibility until the WCB/MB has deemed otherwise. This policy confuses doctors and is causing them to be very reluctant to properly treat patients for their injuries. This is what happened to me to suffer all the injuries to my hands that I have to live with today. The WCB/MB should not be allowed to accept or deny responsibility for all possible workplace injuries because it creates a fear in doctors and as a result, treatment is not given to the injured person at all as in my case.

{3} In cases where there are disagreements between the injured person's doctors and the medical staff at the

WCB/MB, there should automatically be a medical review panel struck to resolve the matters. This panel should be designed in such a way that there is no bias favoring any side but the medical facts speak for itself. Neither medical rep from either side should be allowed to make a final decision on whether a claim is accepted or rejected. This decision should be made by a made panel up of 3 people, 1 being a highly qualified doctor, 1 being a lawyer and the other an ordinary worker. These 3 should be hired when there is enough need for the groups built up and their terms should only last for a 1 month term. This would prevent the possibility of people being influenced by either side over a prolonged period of time. Before any case is referred to This panel, all efforts should be made on both the WCB/MB side and the injured worker to debate all the issues and all efforts to make full medical assessments to satisfy all questions in the area's of concern. When this is completed and the panel makes it's ruling on the claim, it should be as binding as the decisions that are made today with the policies that are in place. There should be time limits placed on these panel reps in which they would not be permitted to work for any of the party representatives for a period that should be determined, possibly 2 years after their service has been provided. This would prevent any possible bias during their term and there should be a requirement that the selected panel should not have had any previous influence from the ones that they represent.