

# Petitions for Medical Treatment

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## WC-PMT

### Petition to Show Cause:

#### Medical Treatment/Testing Recommended by Authorized Medical Provider

1. The WC-PMT provides the claimant with an option to request a conference call with an administrative law judge (ALJ) in order to seek authorization of medical treatment or testing recommended by an authorized medical provider.
2. The WC-PMT requires the claimant to provide the medical request to the employer/insurer at least five business days before filing for a PMT conference call.
3. Once the Board receives the form, a conference call will be scheduled with an ALJ and a Notice of Telephonic Conference will be emailed to all parties.
4. In response to receiving the WC-PMT notification, the employer/insurer has the option of filing a reply to the PMT and choosing to authorize or deny the requested treatment.
5. If the treatment is denied, the employer/insurer must explain the reason for the controvert. If the employer/insurer authorizes or controverts the treatment, the telephone conference with the ALJ will be canceled.
6. In the event the employer/insurer needs more information prior to authorizing or controverting the medical treatment, both parties must participate in the conference call with the ALJ in order for the employer/insurer to show cause for why the treatment has not been authorized as of the conference call.
7. During the conference call, the ALJ may deny or authorize the requested treatment. If the ALJ authorizes treatment over the employer/insurer's objection, the employer/insurer must file a WC-14 Request for Hearing objecting to the ALJ's interlocutory order within 20 days. Failure to file a WC-14 will be construed as consent to payment in accordance with the fee schedule for the requested treatment/testing.

## WC-PMT(b)

### Petition to Show Cause:

#### Medical Treatment/Employee's Failure to Attend Medical Appointment With ATP

1. The WC-PMT(b) allows the employer/insurer to request a conference call with the ALJ so the claimant can explain why they failed to attend a medical appointment with an authorized treating physician (ATP).
2. The employer/insurer must affirm the claimant or claimant's attorney was given at least five business days' advanced notice of the medical appointment. At the time the WC-PMT(b) is filed, the claimant must have failed to attend the appointment and supporting documentation must be attached.
3. In lieu of a conference call, the claimant may affirm they will attend the rescheduled, at-issue appointment and provide the physician's name and time and date of the appointment.
4. Once the claimant affirms they will attend the at-issue appointment, the conference call will be canceled.
5. Failure to attend the at-issue appointment may result in the suspension of income benefits. If the claimant fails to attend the appointment in accordance with a Board order or agreement by the claimant, the employer/insurer can submit a WC-PMT(b) with a completed Section D: Petition to Suspend Benefits for Failure to Attend Medical Appointment with an ATP. Section D requests a conference call with the ALJ in which the claimant or claimant's attorney must show cause why income benefits should not be suspended.
6. If a claimant is not attending medical appointments, utilize the PMT(b) to attempt to obtain a Board order directing the employee to attend the appointment or face a potential suspension of income benefits.
7. This process should not be used when a claimant misses a scheduled independent medical examination (IME).

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