

OVERVIEW OF THE
EXCLUSIVE LIST OF MEDICAL PROVIDERS
(State Compensation Insurance Fund)

The term “medical providers” refers to the hospitals, facilities, doctors and others that provide medical treatment for injuries. This Exclusive List is only for Carpenters whose injury is covered by the employer’s SCIF insurance policy for this program.

USING THE EXCLUSIVE LIST

Your fastest access to the Exclusive List of Medical Providers is at SCIF’s website: www.statefundca.com. Click “MEDfinder MPN: Find a Provider” and you will go to the “MEDFinder MPN Search” page. Then click on “start your search now” and that will take you to the search engine which you can use to select the appropriate medical provider for your injury.

The Exclusive List is comprised of (and limited to) the medical providers in California. There are thousands in California and the search engine lets you find the one you want by location, type, specialty, name, etc.

If you do not have Internet access, or want help, you may call SCIF’s Claims Rep (818-746-9959) or the Trust’s Ombudsman (800-320-2413.) Either will help you select an appropriate medical provider.

WHAT THE EXCLUSIVE LIST MEANS

When you need medical treatments for a work injury, you must select all your medical providers from this Exclusive List.

For example, if you are injured and need medical treatment, you select medical providers from the Exclusive List. The insurance company or Ombudsman can help you select what you need, but it is your responsibility and choice. Neither the employer nor insurance company can force you to use a particular medical provider.

RULES ABOUT SELECTING MEDICAL PROVIDERS

Article VI of the Workers’ Compensation Addendum provides rules about selecting medical providers. For example:

1. In an emergency, you may get reasonable and necessary treatment from another medical provider. However, treatment must be transferred to a medical provider from the Exclusive List as soon as possible, consistent with sound medical practice.
2. The insurance company does not have to pay for treatment you receive from a medical provider that is not on the Exclusive List of Medical Providers. (For example, if you get treatment from a doctor that is not on the Exclusive List, and the Addendum does not permit you to, then the insurer will not have to pay for that treatment; the doctor may then want to sue you to get paid.)