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Dear Employer:

Wyoming Worker's Compensation is pleased to announce the implementation of a new spine treatment protocol. The protocol is based on two spine studies that were sponsored by the legislature in 2011 and 2013. Both studies reported fewer lost work days with lower medical and indemnity costs using evidenced based guidelines. The new spine protocol utilizes these same guidelines and will be implemented on March 1, 2016.

Key elements of the protocol include:

- Promoting conservative treatment for the first 6 weeks
- Initiating treatment within the first 48 hours of an injury whenever possible
- Ongoing assessment of the injured workers progress
- Education of the injured worker.

There will be **monetary incentives** applied to this protocol for the injured workers, providers, and employers.

- **Injured workers** - \$250 when the program is initiated and \$250 upon completion at 6 weeks or return to work
- **Providers** - \$250 when the program is initiated and \$250 upon completion at 6 weeks or return to work
- **Employers** – All treatment during the 6 week protocol will be non-chargeable

To find out more about this program, please visit our website www.wyomingworkforce.org or contact either the Customer Service Advocate at 307-777-5476 or Risk Management at 307-777-6763.

