



# BUFFALO PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC., INC.

LOCAL 282 I.A.F.F., AFL-CIO-CLC

**PROCEDURES FOR PROVIDING MEDICAL CARE TO  
CITY OF BUFFALO FIREFIGHTERS WHO ARE INJURED ON DUTY**

Dear Medical Provider:

The Buffalo Professional Firefighters Association, Local 282 IAFF, is providing this letter to inform you that City of Buffalo Firefighters who are injured on duty do **NOT** fall under New York State Workers' Compensation Law. Instead, Buffalo Firefighters receive benefits as provided under **New York State General Municipal Law Section 207-a**. As a primary care physician for our members, we want you to understand the procedure so that you will see our member, be their advocate, diagnose their injury and ensure they receive the proper care.

Primary Doctors visits by City of Buffalo Firefighters who have approved line of duty injuries will be covered by the City. The City is self-insured and you will be billing the City directly for your services. When billing for services provided for City of Buffalo Firefighters the bill must include the **date of injury, as well as the Firefighter's social security number.**

Bills should be sent to:

**Division of Compensation and Benefits, Attn: Heather, 1014 City Hall, Buffalo, NY 14202**

However, all diagnostics (X-ray, MRI, CT Scans etc.), specialist referrals, medical treatment (e.g. - physical therapy, massage therapy, chiropractic treatment), injections, surgery, etc. **MUST BE PRE-APPROVED** by the Buffalo Fire Department or the Department's designee before providing services. Providing treatment and/or diagnostics without prior approval may result in denial of payment. Unlike Workers' Compensation, this applies to all referenced services regardless of cost.

Authorizations for treatment and diagnostics will be granted based on medical necessity and appropriateness of the treatment. Physical therapy, massage therapy, chiropractic treatment, etc., will be extended on a monthly basis upon referral from the treating physician. All requests for authorization for treatment or diagnostics must be forwarded to:

**Dr. David Hughes      Fax: 716-961-6961      Office: 716-898-4153**

If any issues arise in regards to any aspect of this policy please feel free to contact Buffalo Professional Firefighters Association, Local 282 at 716-856-4130.