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CLAIM SUMMARY-Reserve Advisory

Employer: Haskell County
Claim No.: 18749367
Employee Age: 39
AWW: \$1,148.60
Attorneys: None
Adjuster: Amanda Chamberland

Date of Injury: 12/4/2018
Job Description: Law Enforcement
Updated: 1/14/2019
TTD Rate: \$ 645.00
Employer: None

	Medical	Indemnity	Expense	Total
Reserves	\$18,000.00	\$12,590.40	\$3,325	\$33,915.40
Amount Paid	\$865.25	\$3,225.00	\$64.92	\$4,155.17
Outstanding	\$17,134.75	\$9,365.40	\$3,260.08	\$29,760.23

Accident Description/Nature of Injury:

- While making an arrest and wrestling suspect to the ground, claimant twisted his left knee, ultimately hitting the same knee on the ground.

Investigation/Compensability

- Claimant was in the course and scope of his employment when the accident occurred and it has been accepted as compensable.
- No pre-existing defenses

Medical Management

- An MRI was taken of the left knee showing oblique tears to the meniscus as well as a medial collateral ligament tear with a non-displaced fracture of the tibial plateau. The claimant was referred to an orthopedic specialist, Dr. Greeson, who has recommended limited mobility to help the fracture to heal and no surgery has yet been requested although it is likely.

Periods of Disability

- Claimant is currently off of work pending re-check evaluation and receiving TTD benefits

Permanent Partial Impairment/Permanent Disability

- The claimant will have a disability rating as a result of this injury which will result in a settlement. The claim is currently reserved based on a potential 6% impairment to the lower extremity

Subrogation/Other Issues

- Although the claimant was engaged in a struggle with the suspect there are no charges being filed against the suspect and no restitution will be ordered.

Plan of Action:

- I will work with the claimant and the employer to locate a light duty position to bring the claimant back to work.
- Ultimately the claimant will be placed at MMI and I will work towards a full and final settlement of his file.

CLAIM SUMMARY-Reserve Advisory

Employer: Jackson County
Claim No.: 18749702
Employee Age: 58
AWW: \$783.92
Attorneys: None
Adjuster: Amanda Chamberland

Date of Injury: 12/06/2018
Job Description: Equipment Operator
Updated: 1/14/2019
TTD Rate: \$522.63
Employer: None

	Medical	Indemnity	Expense	Total
Reserves	\$15,270.00	\$12,783.52	\$2,790.50	\$30,844.02
Amount Paid	\$24.13	\$2,315.25	\$24.73	\$2,364.11
Outstanding	\$15,245.87	\$10,468.27	\$2,765.77	\$28,479.91

Accident Description/Nature of Injury:

- The claimant was cutting brush for the county after a recent snowfall causing the soil to be soft. As he walked his foot sank in the soil causing him to lose balance and fall in a seated position with his right foot still behind him.

Investigation/Compensability

- The employee was in the course and scope of his job duties at the time of the event and it has been accepted as compensable.

Medical Management

- The claimant was found to have a right lateral malleolus fracture and was referred to Dr. Teter at Tallgrass Orthopedics. The fracture is stable and healing non-surgically at this time. If there is any regression in the healing of the bone surgical intervention may be later required.

Periods of Disability

- The claimant received 4.43 weeks of TTD and has now returned to work in a sedentary position.

Permanent Partial Impairment/Permanent Disability

- The claimant will likely have a permanent impairment as a result of this injury and the file has been reserved for an anticipated rating of 7%.

Subrogation/Other Issues

- N/A

Plan of Action:

- I will monitor the medical records to ensure that the healing is progressing as anticipated and once at MMI will strive for a full and final settlement of the claim.

CLAIM SUMMARY-Reserve Advisory

Employer: Phillips County
Claim No.: 18737417
Employee Age: 46
AWW: \$459.28
Attorneys: Employee None
Adjuster: Amanda Chamberland

Date of Injury: 9/10/2018
Job Description: Landfill/Recycler
Updated: 1/14/2019
TTD Rate: \$ 306.20
Employer: None

	Medical	Indemnity	Expense	Total
Reserves	\$33,900.00	\$13,286.80	\$4,817.50	\$52,004.30
Amount Paid	\$3,725.06	\$3,674.40	\$241.45	\$7,640.91
Outstanding	\$30,174.94	\$9,612.40	\$4,576.05	\$44,363.39

Accident Description/Nature of Injury:

- As the claimant was hooking up a trailer to a ball hitch manually it slipped and she felt a pull in her left upper arm and shoulder area

Investigation/Compensability

- Employee was in the course and scope of her employment when the accident occurred which was acute in nature.
- The claimant has a history of working multiple other jobs and her employer believes she is being dishonest in her report of her injury and/or the severity of the same. Despite our investigation into this allegation we have been unable to find any information to prove the claim as fraudulent.

Medical Management

- Claimant was seen at the local clinic and an MRI was taken showing a possible SLAP tear. She was referred to Dr. Tim Wright with Hays Orthopedics who attempted conservative treatment via light duty and physical therapy. Her work was unable to accommodate her restrictions and despite the time off of work and therapy she continued to have symptoms resulting in the need for surgery which was performed on 1/4/2019.

Periods of Disability

- Claimant has remained off work since the injury date due to an inability to accommodate

Permanent Partial Impairment/Permanent Disability

- The claimant will have a disability rating as a result of this injury which will result in a settlement.

Subrogation/Other Issues

- N/a

Plan of Action:

- I will continue to monitor the claimant's activity on social media for possible second job that could interfere with her ability to heal and collect TTD from the county
- Once the claimant reaches MMI we will request a rating and attempt to settle the claim full and final

CLAIM SUMMARY-Reserve Advisory

Employer: Pottawatomie County
Claim No.: 18737266
Employee Age: 53
AWW: unknown
Attorneys: None
Adjuster: Jenny Mitchell

Date of Injury: 09/07/2018
Job Description: Equipment Operator
Updated: 1/14/2019
TTD Rate: unknown
Employer: None

	Medical	Indemnity	Expense	Total
Reserves	\$39,927.10	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$44,927.10
Amount Paid	\$34,731.33	\$0.00	\$49.50	\$34,780.83
Outstanding	\$5,268.67	\$0.00	\$4,950.50	\$10,219.17

Accident Description/Nature of Injury:

- As the employee moved a log from a roadway in preparation of backfilling the area he was bitten by a snake on his left forearm.

Investigation/Compensability

- The employee was in the course and scope of his job duties at the time of the event and it has been accepted as compensable.

Medical Management

- The claimant was seen at Wamego Health Center where he was admitted overnight and treated with anti-venom. Although the snake was not seen it was later identified as a copper head by the bite mark left. He has since been released from care with no known continued consequences of the injury. The large reserves are primarily due to the costs of the anti-venom drug.

Periods of Disability

- The claimant has returned to work and received no lost time benefits.

Permanent Partial Impairment/Permanent Disability

- There is no permanent impairment for this injury.

Subrogation/Other Issues

- N/A

Plan of Action:

- As this is a medical only claim once the final bills are paid the claim will be closed.

CLAIM SUMMARY-Reserve Advisory

Employer: Rawlins County
Claim No.: 18729752
Employee Age: 67
AWW: \$628.00
Attorneys: None
Adjuster: Amanda Chamberland

Date of Injury: 07/02/2018
Job Description: Maintenance
Updated: 1/14/2019
TTD Rate: \$428.68
Employer: None

	Medical	Indemnity	Expense	Total
Reserves	\$42,310.00	\$9,102.31	\$6,194.00	\$57,606.31
Amount Paid	\$5,585.47	\$1,286.04	\$231.97	\$7,103.48
Outstanding	\$36,724.53	\$7,816.27	\$5,962.03	\$50,502.83

Accident Description/Nature of Injury:

- The employee was using a tractor to mow county ditches. The tractor hit a washout in a ditch causing a strong jolt and jerk of the tractor resulting in the claimant being jostled in the cab. He struck his head and pulled his left shoulder.

Investigation/Compensability

- The employee was in the course and scope of his job duties at the time of the event and was restrained.
- The claimant has some underlying degenerative issues in his shoulder however the injury is acute.

Medical Management

- The claimant treated at Rawlins County Clinic and was later referred to Dr. Baran with Western Orthopedics. An MRI was taken showing tendinopathy, joint degeneration and a bicep tendon tear with retraction. After a period of light duty and physical therapy the surgeon recommended a left shoulder arthroscopy with acromioplasty and decompression which was performed. The claimant is now being monitored post operatively.

Periods of Disability

- The claimant is currently off work and collecting TTD benefits.

Permanent Partial Impairment/Permanent Disability

- The claimant will likely have a permanent impairment as a result of this injury and the file has been reserved for an anticipated rating of 6%.

Subrogation/Other Issues

- The claimant is 67 and his age and underlying degenerative findings may extend his healing period.

Plan of Action:

- I will work with the surgeon to separate the acute injury from the underlying degenerative complaints as he progresses in treatment.
- I will strive for a full and final conclusion of this file with minimal impairment.

CLAIM SUMMARY-Reserve Advisory

Employer: Reno County

Claim No.: 18751295

Employee Age: 61

AWW: \$863.20

Attorneys: Employee None

Adjuster: Amanda Chamberland

Date of Injury: 12/19/2018

Job Description: Equipment Operator

Updated: 12/27/2018

TTD Rate: \$ 575.49

Employer: None

	Medical	Indemnity	Expense	Total
Reserves	\$38,000.00	\$14,076.48	\$6,325.00	\$58,401.48
Amount Paid	\$183.47	\$1,726.47	\$32.65	\$1,942.59
Outstanding	\$37,816.53	\$12,350.01	\$6,292.35	\$56,458.89

Accident Description/Nature of Injury:

- Claimant was cleaning out the wet soil from a loader bucket using a shovel when a large piece of wet soil dislodged (weighing approximately 150lbs) hit claimant's right leg, causing him to fall sideways, and breaking his leg just below the knee.

Investigation/Compensability

- Claimant was in the course and scope of his employee when the accident occurred which was acute in nature.
- No pre-existing defenses

Medical Management

- The claimant was referred to Dr. Severud with Pinnacle Orthopedics who performed an immediate open reduction and internal fixation of the right lateral tibia fracture with bone grafting. The claimant is currently pending post op re-check.

Periods of Disability

- It is anticipated that the employee will remain off of work for up to 12 weeks

Permanent Partial Impairment/Permanent Disability

- The claimant will have a disability rating as a result of this injury which will result in a settlement, I have estimated a 7% impairment

Subrogation/Other Issues

- The claimant is 61 and age may decrease his chances of a full recovery from the fracture

Plan of Action:

- I will work with the employer to try and locate a light duty position for the claimant
- Once the claimant reaches MMI we will request a rating and attempt to settle the claim full and final

CLAIM SUMMARY-Reserve Advisory

Employer: Trego County
Claim No.: 18749519
Employee Age: 57
AWW: \$544.38
Attorneys: None
Adjuster: Amanda Chamberland

Date of Injury: 12/5/2018
Job Description: Noxious Weed
Updated: 1/14/2019
TTD Rate: \$362.93
Employer: None

	Medical	Indemnity	Expense	Total
Reserves	\$73,480.00	\$7,476.35	\$11,522.00	\$92,478.35
Amount Paid	\$469.13	\$725.86	\$60.34	\$1,255.33
Outstanding	\$73,010.87	\$6,750.49	\$11,461.66	\$91,223.02

Accident Description/Nature of Injury:

- The employee was standing on top of a motor grader while attempting to hook a cable to a wench when he lost his footing. The claimant fell approximately five feet to the ground. The employee fell head/face first and ultimately landed on his side.

Investigation/Compensability

- The employee was performing a job task at the time of the injury and it has been accepted as compensable.

Medical Management

- The employee was originally taken to Trego Lemke Hospital but later transferred to Hays Medical Center due to the potential severity. CT of his head showed no signs of concussion or head injury however he broke several ribs resulting in a contusion of his lower lung and left lung pneumothorax. He was hospitalized for several days to monitor his lung function and has since been released. He is currently being checked on a three-six week basis to ensure no complications.

Periods of Disability

- The employee missed three weeks of work and has recently been working in an "as tolerated" position.

Permanent Partial Impairment/Permanent Disability

- It is unknown if the claimant will suffer any permanent disability as a result of this event.

Subrogation/Other Issues

- N/A

Plan of Action:

- I will continue to monitor the medical records for relatedness to the injury and work towards bringing the claimant to MMI for conclusion of his claim.