



## Claim Summary – Reserve Advisory

Employer:	Anderson County	Date of Injury:	03/08/2022
Claim No.:	22879187	Job Description:	Road and Bridge
Employee Age:	63	Updated:	6/16/222
AWW:	849.79	TTD Rate:	566.55
Attorneys:	N/A	Employer:	N/A

Adjuster: Amanda Chamberland

	Medical	Indemnity	Rehabilitation	Legal	Expense	Total
<b>Reserves:</b>	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 26,985.24	\$ 0.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 3,675.00	\$ 53,210.24
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	\$ 12,210.09	\$ 7,931.70	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 576.86	\$ 20,718.65
<b>Outstanding:</b>	\$ 9,789.91	\$ 19,053.54	\$ 0.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 3,098.14	\$ 32,491.59

**Accident Description / Nature of Injury:**

- While burning a brush pile the employee stepped too close to the fire catching his pant leg on fire. This resulted in second and third degree burns to his lower right leg.

**Investigation / Compensability:**

- The employee was in the course and scope of his employment and the event is accepted as compensable.

**Medical Management:**

- Burn care is received on an ongoing outpatient basis through the University of Kansas Burn Center. Initially a nurse was assigned to assist with wound care at the patient’s home due to the severity and risk for infection of the wounds. The employee is progressing well and the wounds continue to heal as expected. He will recheck in July for possible MMI release.

**Periods of Disability:**

- The employee was off of work a period of 14 weeks and has returned to work as of 6/14 in a regular duty position.

**Permanent Partial Impairment / Permanent Disability:**

- The employee is expected to receive a general rating with additional funds to cover any possible future medical needs of up to \$19,000 and the file is reserved for the same.

**Subrogation / Other Issues:**

- N/A

**Plan of Action:**

- I will recheck with the employee after his July visit to monitor his MMI status.
- Once the employee is at MMI he will be sent for an IME to determine future medical needs due to age and possible Medicare interests, as well as PPI rating.
- I will attempt to settle his claim, full and final.



## Claim Summary – Reserve Advisory

Employer:	Cherokee County	Date of Injury:	03/26/2022
Claim No.:	22881346	Job Description:	Deputy
Employee Age:	24	Updated:	6/15/2022
AWW:	865.62	TTD Rate:	575.10
Attorneys:	N/A	Employer:	N/A

Adjuster: Amanda Chamberland

	Medical	Indemnity	Rehabilitation	Legal	Expense	Total
<b>Reserves:</b>	\$ 28,700.00	\$ 8,051.40	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,605.00	\$ 38,956.40
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	\$ 1,397.39	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 171.17	\$ 1,568.56
<b>Outstanding:</b>	\$ 27,302.61	\$ 8,051.40	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,433.83	\$ 37,387.84

**Accident Description / Nature of Injury:**

- The Employee responded to a hostage scene where he was in a stationary position for over two hours. This involved the employee kneeling and twisting on his right knee on uneven ground.

**Investigation / Compensability:**

- The employee was in the course and scope of his employment and the event mechanism is accepted as compensable

**Medical Management:**

- Conservative care including physical therapy and light duty was sought with only brief improvement. An orthopedics consult was subsequently scheduled with Dr. Sorrell who diagnosed the claimant with a right knee chondral defect. Dr. Sorrell requested authorization for a right knee arthroscopy with tibial plateau micro fracture repair versus chondroplasty which will be performed in the near future.

**Periods of Disability:**

- The employee is expected to miss less than one month of work post-surgery as his employer has been able to accommodate him thus far.

**Permanent Partial Impairment / Permanent Disability:**

- An impairment of 5% is expected and the file is reserved for the same

**Subrogation / Other Issues:**

- There is no means of restitution as the suspect in the case is now deceased and the injury was not the direct result of an assault.

**Plan of Action:**

- I will follow up with the employee after his surgery to ensure he is doing well and his needs are met.
- I will work with the employer to return the employee to a light duty position.
- Once the employee is at MMI I will request a rating and attempt to settle his claim, full and final.



## Claim Summary – Reserve Advisory

Employer:	Comanche County	Date of Injury:	01/19/2022
Claim No.:	22873987	Job Description:	Sheriff
Employee Age:	46	Updated:	6/15/2022
AWW:	1,114.08	TTD Rate:	737.00
Attorneys:	N/A	Employer:	N/A

Adjuster: Amanda Chamberland

	Medical	Indemnity	Rehabilitation	Legal	Expense	Total
<b>Reserves:</b>	\$ 32,200.00	\$ 10,318.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 4,830.00	\$ 47,948.00
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	\$ 18,374.81	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 387.88	\$ 18,762.69
<b>Outstanding:</b>	\$ 13,825.19	\$ 10,318.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 4,442.12	\$ 29,185.31

**Accident Description / Nature of Injury:**

- While moving a deceased person out of a vehicle and into a funeral home the employee felt his right knee pop. He then fell to the ground due to the lack of stability.

**Investigation / Compensability:**

- The employee was in the course and scope of his employment
- The prevailing factor was addressed due to pre-existing care for the same knee and underlying degenerative issues. Work is found to be the prevailing factor in the need of his care.

**Medical Management:**

- An MRI was ordered of the right knee showing a ruptured anterior cruciate ligament and a meniscus tear. The prevailing factor was addressed due to prior care to the same knee and the work injury was found to be the prevailing factor for his need of treatment.. Dr. Lucas at Advanced Orthopedics requested a right knee arthroscopic ACL reconstruction with peroneal allograft which was performed in March. The employee is healing well and expected to be placed at MMI in August 2022.

**Periods of Disability:**

- The employee is an elected official and did not miss time from work following the work related injury.

**Permanent Partial Impairment / Permanent Disability:**

- An impairment of 7% is estimated for the knee and the file is reserved for the same

**Subrogation / Other Issues:**

- N/A

**Plan of Action:**

- I will work with the employee to ensure he is progressing and meets the anticipated date of MMI
- Once the claimant is at MMI I will request a rating and attempt to settle his claim, full and final



## Claim Summary – Reserve Advisory

Employer:	Franklin County	Date of Injury:	04/16/2022
Claim No.:	22882817	Job Description:	Paramedic
Employee Age:	28	Updated:	6/16/2022
AWW:	110.14	TTD Rate:	73.43
Attorneys:	N/A	Employer:	N/A

Adjuster: Amanda Chamberland

	Medical	Indemnity	Rehabilitation	Legal	Expense	Total
<b>Reserves:</b>	\$ 33,200.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,605.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 43,905.00
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	\$ 1,674.33	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 480.15	\$ 2,154.48
<b>Outstanding:</b>	\$ 31,525.67	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,605.00	\$ 619.85	\$ 41,750.52

**Accident Description / Nature of Injury:**

- While stepping out of an ambulance the employee rolled her right ankle on uneven concrete.

**Investigation / Compensability:**

- The employee was in the course and scope of her employment
- The claimant had suffered prior sprains to the same ankle in her lifetime however none were found contributory to the current diagnosis or injury severity.

**Medical Management:**

- Initial care was received at Advent Health where an MRI was ordered showing an acute avulsion of the anterior talofibular ligament. A consult was scheduled with Dr. Cheema at Hays Orthopedics who addressed the prevailing factor based on the previous ankle sprains and found the work to be the prevailing factor in the need for her current care. A right ankle arthroscopic debridement with possible Brostrom procedure is authorized and will be performed in July.

**Periods of Disability:**

- The employee works for the insured PRN only and is a full time Physician’s Assistant. She is not expected to miss work resulting in wage loss as her primary job is expected to provide accommodations.

**Permanent Partial Impairment / Permanent Disability:**

- The employee is expected to receive a PPI rating of 7% and the file is reserved for the same.

**Subrogation / Other Issues:**

- N/A

**Plan of Action:**

- I will keep in close contact with the employee to assist with her medical progression and ensure she is healing as expected
- Once the employee meets MMI a rating will be requested
- I will attempt to settle the file with the claimant, full and final



## Claim Summary – Settlement Request

Employer:	Gray County	Date of Injury:	07/04/2019
Claim No.:	19777554	Job Description:	EMS, Volunteer
Employee Age:	30	Updated:	6/15/2022
AWW:	343.90	TTD Rate:	666.00
Attorneys:	Lee Gurney	Employer:	Ron Laskowski
Adjuster:	Amanda Chamberland		

	Medical	Indemnity	Rehabilitation	Legal	Expense	Total
<b>Reserves:</b>	\$ 42,400.00	\$ 41,660.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,810.00	\$ 95,870.00
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	\$ 37,315.92	\$ 5,994.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 577.00	\$ 1,527.34	\$ 45,414.26
<b>Outstanding:</b>	\$ 5,084.08	\$ 35,666.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,423.00	\$ 3,282.66	\$ 50,455.74

**Accident Description / Nature of Injury:**

- While working in the back of an ambulance on a patient, the ambulance the employee was in struck another vehicle causing the employee to be thrown around inside the ambulance. Injuries are alleged to his left shoulder, left neck, left ribs and middle of his back.

**Investigation / Compensability:**

- The employee was in the course and scope of his employment when the injury occurred.
- The prevailing factor was requested due to underlying labral cysts in the shoulder and the work injury is found to be the prevailing factor for his need of treatment.

**Medical Management:**

- The claimant was seen by Dr. Pat Do who recommended a left shoulder labral repair which was performed in November 2019. He completed a course of post-operative physical therapy and was released at MMI. Post-surgery and MMI status he began complaining of symptoms consistent with ulnar nerve distribution complications to the left elbow area. A court ordered IME with Dr. Carabetta found that the claimant had cubital tunnel syndrome and recommended care for the same. The provider related the nerve distribution complaints to his positioning during left shoulder surgery. A further evaluation was scheduled with Dr. Mark Melhorn at the Hand Center, who confirmed the left cubital tunnel/ulnar nerve diagnosis treatable via decompression surgery. This was authorized and performed and the claimant is again at MMI status.

**Periods of Disability:**

- The employee missed 10 weeks of work both as a volunteer and his primary job as a truck driver due to the work injury.

**Permanent Partial Impairment / Permanent Disability:**

- The claimant has received multiple ratings as follows:  
17% to the left shoulder per Dr. Murati, 5% to the shoulder per Dr. Do and 12% to the body as a whole per Dr. Carabetta.
- The court is likely to side with the impairment of Dr. Carabetta which is the court ordered IME provider which would result in permanent partial disability due in the amount of \$33,166.80

**Subrogation / Other Issues:**

- Counsel is assigned and investigating possible third party subrogation potential.

**Plan of Action:**

- It is more probable than not that the Administrative Judge will order future medical in addition to the \$33,166.80 in PPD benefits. To contest this would involve the additional payment of legal fees, expert witness deposition fees and fees of the court.
- The employee is only 30 years of age and any future medical benefits could total tens of thousands if not more in his lifetime. It is in the best interest to close the claim full and final.
- Settlement authority is requested of the board based on counsel's analysis to close all issues in file, full and final, in an amount up to \$42,000.