

KWORCC Select Claims Report

Presented February 29, 2024



Claim Summary – Reserve Advisory

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| Employer: | Doniphan County | Date of Injury: | 01/10/2024 |
| Claim No.: | 241120840 | Job Description: | Corrections Officer |
| Employee Age: | 31 | Updated: | 2/12/2024 |
| AWW: | 748.46 | TTD Rate: | 498.99 |
| Attorneys: | N/A | Employer: | N/A |
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| Adjuster: | Amanda Chamberland | | |

| | Medical | Indemnity | Rehabilitation | Legal | Expense | Total |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| Reserves: | \$ 38,950.00 | \$ 14,483.84 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 650.00 | \$ 6,100.00 | \$ 60,183.84 |
| Amount Paid: | \$ 0.00 | \$ 1,995.96 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 9.50 | \$ 2,005.46 |
| Outstanding: | \$ 38,950.00 | \$ 12,487.88 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 650.00 | \$ 6,090.50 | \$ 58,178.38 |

Accident Description / Nature of Injury:

- While taking the trash out of the correctional building the employee slipped on ice and fell on his bilateral knees, twisting the left knee behind him.

Investigation / Compensability:

- The employee was in the course and scope of his employment and no pre-existing defenses apply at this time.

Medical Management:

- The employee was taken via ambulance to a hospital in Missouri where he was kept inpatient for two days. Follow up care was established with Dr. Michael Smith. The employee received a shunt as an infant with a metal component which precluded him from an MRI of the knee. Due to persistent inability to bear weight and medical assessment, the provider strongly believes there is internal derangement of the knee. He requested authorization to perform a diagnostic arthroscopy with possible cartilage or meniscal repair. This was authorized and will take place this month.

Periods of Disability:

- The claimant has been off work since his injury date due to the inability to bear weight.

Permanent Partial Impairment / Permanent Disability:

- It is estimated that the employee will receive an impairment of 8% to the knee and the file is reserved for the same.

Subrogation / Other Issues:

- The employee fell on the employer’s owned and maintained premises and there will be no subrogation.

Plan of Action:

- I will work with the provider and employer to bring the employee back to work post-surgery.
- A post operative therapy program will be established.
- Medical records will be reviewed to ensure the claimant is healing as expected.
- Once the claimant is at MMI I will request a rating and attempt to resolve the claim full and final.



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| Employer: | Kingman County | Date of Injury: | 12/05/2023 |
| Claim No.: | 231117483 | Job Description: | Deputy |
| Employee Age: | 34 | Updated: | 2/12/2024 |
| AWW: | 1,104.19 | TTD Rate: | 736.16 |
| Attorneys: | N/A | Employer: | N/A |

Adjuster: Amanda Chamberland

| | Medical | Indemnity | Rehabilitation | Legal | Expense | Total |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| Reserves: | \$ 20,200.00 | \$ 2,944.64 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 12,600.00 | \$ 35,744.64 |
| Amount Paid: | \$ 13,659.86 | \$ 625.73 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 8,016.65 | \$ 22,302.24 |
| Outstanding: | \$ 6,540.14 | \$ 2,318.91 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 4,583.35 | \$ 13,442.40 |

Accident Description / Nature of Injury:

- As the employee began the pursuit of a fleeing vehicle, he lost control of his vehicle and the vehicle rolled in a ditch.

Investigation / Compensability:

- The employee was in the course and scope of his employment.
- The employee was not wearing his seatbelt at the time of the event. He reports it was in hand and he was attempting to secure it at the time of the incident. His employer does not plan to enforce a safety violation for the lack of the seatbelt usage therefore the seat belt cannot be used as a defense to the claim.

Medical Management:

- The injured worker was taken to Wesley Medical Center and later followed up at Via Christi Occupational Medicine. He sustained multiple injuries including back, chest and bilateral shoulder strains and contusions as well as lacerations to his head and face. He is in outpatient physical therapy and working sedentary duty.

Periods of Disability:

- The employee missed one week of work as a result of the work-related event.

Permanent Partial Impairment / Permanent Disability:

- There is no PPI expected for this claim.

Subrogation / Other Issues:

- The employee has a history of litigated claims, although he has not retained counsel on this claim.

Plan of Action:

- I will continue to review the medical records to monitor the claimant's progression.
- I will work with the employer to bring him back to a full duty position as he is able.
- Once the claimant reaches MMI and the final bills are received for the claim, the file will be closed.



Claim Summary – Settlement Request

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|---------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Employer: | Lyon County | Date of Injury: | 04/21/2021 |
| Claim No.: | 21849995 | Job Description: | Maintenance Technician |
| Employee Age: | 44 | Updated: | 2/12/2024 |
| AWW: | 1,231.36 | TTD Rate: | 687.00 |
| Attorneys: | Donald Taylor | Employer: | Ron Laskowski |
| Adjuster: | Amanda Chamberland | | |

| | Medical | Indemnity | Rehabilitation | Legal | Expense | Total |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Reserves: | \$ 47,000.00 | \$ 31,941.42 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 11,050.00 | \$ 7,300.00 | \$ 97,291.42 |
| Amount Paid: | \$ 26,028.56 | \$ 3,331.95 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 380.00 | \$ 1,978.14 | \$ 31,718.65 |
| Outstanding: | \$ 20,971.44 | \$ 28,609.47 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 10,670.00 | \$ 5,321.86 | \$ 65,572.77 |

Accident Description / Nature of Injury:

- The employee reported injuries to his left shoulder as he used a pipe wrench on two separate occasions. The first while installing a water heater, and the second while loosening a sprinkler head.

Investigation / Compensability:

- There are no known pre-existing defenses at this time and the event is accepted as compensable.

Medical Management:

- Medical care was sought with Dr. Pro at OrthoKS at the Emporia outreach location. Dr. Pro found the claimant in need of a left shoulder arthroscopy with anterior inferior labral repair and superior labral debridement. This was authorized and performed. The employee progressed well in post operative rehab. He was released at MMI.

Periods of Disability:

- The employee missed 4.85 weeks of work due to the work-related event.

Permanent Partial Impairment / Permanent Disability:

- Dr. Pro assigned the employee a rating of 9% to the upper extremity.
- Dr. Rosenthal assigned a rating of 28% to the left upper extremity and recommended future medical care.
- Dr. Azzam assigned a rating of 9% to the left upper extremity.

Subrogation / Other Issues:

- The employee obtained legal counsel after a dispute with his employer regarding a promotion that was given to a co-worker. He continues to work for the same employer.

Plan of Action:

- Counsel requests settlement authority to settle the claim, full and final, in an amount of up to \$30,000.
- This recommendation is based on a split of the ratings equaling 18.5% plus an incentive to close all future medical needs.



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| Employer: | Miami County | Date of Injury: | 11/01/2023 |
| Claim No.: | 231113105 | Job Description: | GIS Specialist |
| Employee Age: | 51 | Updated: | 2/20/2024 |
| AWW: | \$736.96 | TTD Rate: | \$491.33 |
| Attorneys: | N/A | Employer: | N/A |

Adjuster: Amanda Chamberland

| | Medical | Indemnity | Rehabilitation | Legal | Expense | Total |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| Reserves: | \$ 34,000.00 | \$ 11,973.99 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 600.00 | \$ 7,700.00 | \$ 54,273.99 |
| Amount Paid: | \$ 2,966.25 | \$ 417.97 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 716.80 | \$ 4,101.02 |
| Outstanding: | \$ 31,033.75 | \$ 11,556.02 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 600.00 | \$ 6,983.20 | \$ 50,172.97 |

Accident Description / Nature of Injury:

- The employee tripped in a hole on a grass island rolling her right ankle as she returned to work after lunch.

Investigation / Compensability:

- The employee was injured in the employer’s owned and maintained premises and the event is accepted as compensable.

Medical Management:

- The employee underwent care to include light duty and physical therapy. She treated with Dr. Bagby, Orthopedic Specialist. An MRI showed a tear however he found her injury to be non-surgical. While performing home exercises she reinjured the ankle. The provider recommended referral to a foot and ankle specialist which was authorized. The employee was referred to Dr. Bleazard who found the claimant in need of a right ankle arthroscopy with lateral ligament reconstruction and peroneal tendon repair. This is scheduled to be performed in March.

Periods of Disability:

- The employee has missed less than one week of work over the TTD waiting period as the employer has been able to accommodate her restrictions to date.

Permanent Partial Impairment / Permanent Disability:

- The employee is expected to have a PPI of 8% and the file is reserved for the same.

Subrogation / Other Issues:

- N/A

Plan of Action:

- I will work with the provider to bring the employee back to work post-surgery.
- Post operative rehab will be monitored to ensure the claimant is healing as expected.
- Once the claimant is at MMI, I will request a rating and seek to resolve her claim full and final.



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|---------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Employer: | Osborne County | Date of Injury: | 01/19/2024 |
| Claim No.: | 241121684 | Job Description: | Maintenance Worker |
| Employee Age: | 60 | Updated: | 2/12/2024 |
| AWW: | Requested, pending | TTD Rate: | Requested, pending |
| Attorneys: | N/A | Employer: | N/A |
| Adjuster: | Amanda Chamberland | | |

| | Medical | Indemnity | Rehabilitation | Legal | Expense | Total |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| Reserves: | \$ 25,700.00 | \$ 7,000.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 600.00 | \$ 5,100.00 | \$ 38,400.00 |
| Amount Paid: | \$ 259.38 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 259.38 |
| Outstanding: | \$ 25,440.62 | \$ 7,000.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 600.00 | \$ 5,100.00 | \$ 38,140.62 |

Accident Description / Nature of Injury:

- While shoveling snow the employee felt a pop in his left arm near his elbow.

Investigation / Compensability:

- The employee was in the course and scope of his employment and there are no pre-existing defenses.

Medical Management:

- An MRI was taken which showed a near complete tear of the employee’s bicep tendon. He was seen by Dr. Horinek at Salina Orthopedics who performed an open distal biceps repair which was authorized. He is now back to work and in post-operative physical therapy.

Periods of Disability:

- The employee has not missed any work over the waiting period due to the injury.

Permanent Partial Impairment / Permanent Disability:

- The employee is expected to receive a PPI rating of 6% and the file is reserved for the same.

Subrogation / Other Issues:

- N/A

Plan of Action:

- I will review the medical records and keep in contact with the injured worker to ensure that he is healing as expected.
- Once the claimant is at MMI, I will request PPI rating.
- I will ultimately attempt to settle the claim with the claimant full and final.