

# **KWORCC Select Claims Report**

**Presented March 28, 2024**



## Claim Summary – Reserve Advisory

Employer:	Linn County	Date of Injury:	12/12/2023
Claim No.:	231118314	Job Description:	Equipment Operator
Employee Age:	69	Updated:	3/18/2023
AWW:	743.06	TTD Rate:	495.74
Attorneys:	N/A	Employer:	N/A
Adjuster:	Amanda Chamberland		

	Medical	Indemnity	Rehabilitation	Legal	Expense	Total
<b>Reserves:</b>	\$ 25,750.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 41,900.00
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	\$ 2,295.64	\$ 991.48	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 215.24	\$ 3,502.36
<b>Outstanding:</b>	\$ 23,454.36	\$ 9,008.52	\$ 0.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 5,284.76	\$ 38,397.64

**Accident Description / Nature of Injury:**

- While checking fluids on machinery, the employee slipped on a broken step. He grabbed the rail to keep from falling and swung around completely, hanging by the rail with his right arm.

**Investigation / Compensability:**

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

**Medical Management:**

- Medical care was sought with Dr. Bagby, orthopedic specialist. The employee was diagnosed with a traumatic rotator cuff tear and partial tear of the long head of his bicep. Surgery was performed to repair the tears in February. The employee will recheck on 4/3/2024 for further recommendations.

**Periods of Disability:**

- The employee is off work currently, with an expected return to light duty at his recheck in April.

**Permanent Partial Impairment / Permanent Disability:**

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

**Subrogation / Other Issues:**

- There is no subrogation at this time. The employee is a Medicare beneficiary, and their interests will be considered at settlement of claim.

**Plan of Action:**

- I will work with the employer to bring the employee back to work after his next recheck appt.
- Once the employee is at MMI, I will request an impairment rating.
- We will consider Medicare interests at time of settlement and attempt to resolve his claim full and final.



## Claim Summary – Reserve Advisory

Employer:	Marion County	Date of Injury:	01/12/2024
Claim No.:	241121241	Job Description:	Equipment Operator
Employee Age:	58	Updated:	3/18/2024
AWW:	935.70	TTD Rate:	623.83
Attorneys:	N/A	Employer:	N/A

Adjuster: Amanda Chamberland

	Medical	Indemnity	Rehabilitation	Legal	Expense	Total
<b>Reserves:</b>	\$ 30,250.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 43,350.00
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	\$ 219.68	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 68.59	\$ 288.27
<b>Outstanding:</b>	\$ 30,030.32	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 5,431.41	\$ 43,061.73

**Accident Description / Nature of Injury:**

- The employee threw a large heavy chain over the back of equipment and injured his left shoulder. He further injured the same shoulder as he unloaded a grader blade.

**Investigation / Compensability:**

- The employee underwent a prior repair to the left shoulder approximately 20 years before our event. The provider has found the new injury to be acute in nature.

**Medical Management:**

- The employee treated at the local clinic where an MRI was ordered. The MRI showed a full thickness tear of the left shoulder. He was referred to Dr Prohaska at Advanced Orthopedics. Dr. Prohaska recommended a left shoulder arthroscopy with repair of the tear, this is scheduled to be performed in the near future.

**Periods of Disability:**

- The employee has not missed any work because of the work-related injury and continues to be accommodated in a light duty position.

**Permanent Partial Impairment / Permanent Disability:**

- The employee is estimated to receive a rating of up to 7% and the file is reserved for this impairment.

**Subrogation / Other Issues:**

- N/A

**Plan of Action:**

- The post operative care will be reviewed to ensure the employee is healing as expected.
- I will work with the employer to continue the light duty work status for the employee post-surgery.
- Once the claimant is at MMI, I will request a rating and attempt to settle his claim full and final. Any pre-existing impairments will be provided to the medical provider for pre-existing deduction.



## Claim Summary – Reserve Advisory

Employer:	Meade County	Date of Injury:	06/05/2023
Claim No.:	231093661	Job Description:	Mechanic
Employee Age:	42	Updated:	3/18/2024
AWW:	890.02	TTD Rate:	598.70
Attorneys:	N/A	Employer:	N/A

Adjuster: Amanda Chamberland

	Medical	Indemnity	Rehabilitation	Legal	Expense	Total
<b>Reserves:</b>	\$ 24,750.00	\$ 10,092.20	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 39,242.20
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	\$ 2,585.13	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 219.45	\$ 2,804.58
<b>Outstanding:</b>	\$ 22,164.87	\$ 10,092.20	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,180.55	\$ 36,437.62

**Accident Description / Nature of Injury:**

- While rearranging the county shop, the employee hyperextended his right shoulder. He then slipped and fell on water in the department wash bay, reinjuring the same shoulder. He also alleges left arm injury from overcompensation due to the right arm injuries.

**Investigation / Compensability:**

- The employee was in the course and scope of his employment when he injured his right shoulder. His left arm complaints are under investigation.
- The employee has a prior history of carpal tunnel surgery and has mentioned that he is considering the intent of seeking care for carpal tunnel due to overuse of the bilateral extremities under this claim as well. If he proceeds, the prevailing factor will be addressed.

**Medical Management:**

- The employee sought care at the local clinic where PT was ordered. He failed to progress. An MRI was taken of the right shoulder which showed a large tear. Dr. Do evaluated the MRI and has requested authorization to perform a right shoulder arthroscopy with rotator cuff debridement and repair to be performed later this month. Dr. Do also evaluated the left elbow/arm and has requested further imaging studies to determine the prevailing factor for his left side complaints.

**Periods of Disability:**

- The employee has not missed any time from work as a result of the work-related events.

**Permanent Partial Impairment / Permanent Disability:**

- The employee may receive an impairment rating to the body vs. a scheduled injury, and the file is reserved for the same.

**Subrogation / Other Issues:**

- N/A

**Plan of Action:**

- I will work with the medical provider to address the prevailing factor for the left side complaints and possible bilateral repetitive motion complaints.
- I will work with the employer to bring the employee back to work after his surgery in a light duty capacity.
- Physical therapy will be directed and monitored to ensure the employee is healing as expected.
- Once the employee is at MMI, I will separate out any pre-existing or underlying impairments and settled for the acute work events only.



## Claim Summary – Reserve Advisory

Employer:	Reno County	Date of Injury:	02/12/2024
Claim No.:	241124934	Job Description:	Equipment Operator
Employee Age:	58	Updated:	3/18/2024
AWW:	696.16	TTD Rate:	464.12
Attorneys:	N/A	Employer:	N/A
Adjuster:	Amanda Chamberland		

	Medical	Indemnity	Rehabilitation	Legal	Expense	Total
<b>Reserves:</b>	\$ 28,950.00	\$ 12,415.72	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 47,065.72
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	\$ 337.36	\$ 464.12	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 149.97	\$ 951.45
<b>Outstanding:</b>	\$ 28,612.64	\$ 11,951.60	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 4,950.03	\$ 46,114.27

**Accident Description / Nature of Injury:**

- A falling tree branch cut by another employee struck the claimant on his head and bounced back up striking him in the chest/ribs area. He then went down to the ground, landing on his knee in a kneeling position.

**Investigation / Compensability:**

- The employee was in the course and scope of his employment.
- The employee has potential underlying conditions, and we are working to obtain his prior medical records.

**Medical Management:**

- Care was sought at Hutchinson Regional Medical Center where radiology was taken showing an L1 compression fracture. He was referred to Dr. Estivo in Wichita. Dr. Estivo recommended additional imaging studies. He diagnosed the claimant with additional compression fractures at T6 and T7. He was also diagnosed with a tibial plateau fracture, although the knee diagnosis may be an old finding based on a prior injury. The compression fractures are non-surgical and require consistent bracing for healing. A nurse case manager has been assigned to ensure the multiple acute injuries are addressed and that pre-existing is separated.

**Periods of Disability:**

- The employee missed less than two weeks of work and has returned to work in a light duty position.

**Permanent Partial Impairment / Permanent Disability:**

- The employee is expected to receive an impairment to the body as a whole and the file is reserved for this estimated rating.

**Subrogation / Other Issues:**

- N/A

**Plan of Action:**

- I will work with the employee to obtain his pre-existing medical records
- Once received the records will be reviewed for any pre-existing deductions
- Acute injuries will be treated until the employee reached MMI
- Once the employee is at MMI a rating will be requested and attempts made to settle the claim, full and final.