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SPECIAL ADVISORY NOTICE REGARDING USE OF OFFICIAL DISABILITY GUIDELINES (ODG) FOR CARE OF INJURED WORKERS

To: All Interested Parties
From: Court Administrator Michael Clingman
Date: June 21, 2013

This is a special advisory notice concerning use of the *Official Disabilities Guidelines (ODG)* for care of injured workers. It supercedes all previously distributed notices regarding use of the ODG.

The Work Loss Data Institute's ***Official Disability Guidelines (ODG)*** was adopted as the standard for determining the scope and duration of medical treatment in workers' compensation effective March 1, 2012. 85 O.S., §326(G). For information about Work Loss Data Institute, visit www.worklossdata.com or contact Work Loss Data Institute at 1-800-488-5548. To order ODG, call 1-800-488-5548 or go to [www.worklossdata.com/orderform ok.htm](http://www.worklossdata.com/orderform_ok.htm). The ODG is not available for purchase from the Court.

The state Physician Advisory Committee was authorized by law to develop **Oklahoma Treatment Guidelines (OTG)** regarding prescription and dispensing of Schedule II drugs and regarding medical care not covered by the ODG or not recommended by ODG for injuries to the spine. 85 O.S., §326.

- **OTG for use of Schedule II Drugs (OTG-Drugs)** became effective on April 2, 2012. Go to <http://www.owcc.state.ok.us/OTG-Drugs.pdf> to access these guidelines.
- **OTG for the Spine (OTG-Spine)** become effective on June 24, 2013. For a copy of the OTG-Spine, go to <http://www.owcc.state.ok.us/OTG-Spine.pdf>. The OTG-Spine replace the Physician Advisory Committee's treatment guidelines for the spine adopted before August 26, 2011.

OTG and ODG are effective until superceded by applicable law.