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NJ PIP Forthright Update

Since April 2011, Forthright has been selected by the State of New Jersey to administer No-Fault Insurance Personal Injury Protection (PIP) arbitrations under the State's Automobile Insurance Cost Reduction Act.



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This month Forthright terminated its contract with five Dispute Resolution Professionals ("DRPs" a/k/a arbitrators).

According to Forthright this is due to a reduction in pending no-fault arbitration filings. This reduction leaves 52 DPRs to conduct hearings and render awards.

While the filing numbers provided by Forthright do indicate a year-over-year reduction in the average number of filed demands, as well as the total number of pending cases, this reduction seems smaller than the number of DPRs released. Said another way, the average DRP caseload will go up by more than 10 cases. Forthright represents the reduction should not cause delays in scheduling hearings. At Judd Shaw Injury Law, we have a team of attorneys capable of handling your matters, which also means that we are one of the PIP no-fault arbitration law firms that do not have scheduling block-outs and Forthright has the ability to schedule multiple hearings with us at one time. We are always monitoring our average PIP no-fault arbitration "time on desk," from the moment we receive your referral through resolution and create benchmarks to push our team to continue our fast and efficient service.

In further Forthright news and in light of CDC's recommendations about telecommuting to limit or avoid the spread of the COVID-19, Forthright is requiring that all In-Person hearings be conducted telephonically beginning Monday, March 16, 2020. The telephonic only hearings requirement will remain in effect for thirty days as they continue to monitor the recommendations of the CDC and NJ Health Department. At the end of that period, Forthright will re-evaluate the situation and advise the PIP community accordingly.

Team Member Spotlight

As JSIL's PIP Arbitration Intake Manager, Ivonne Toscano, along with her team, have filed thousands of no-fault demands. Ivonne ensures that all new referrals received from medical providers and billing companies are processed and placed into the arbitration pipeline with unparalleled speed and efficiency. As our first point of contact for medical providers, Ivonne is responsible for helping create a 360 degree relationships with our providers, serving as liaison between our PIP Arbitration & Injury Litigation practice areas.

During the current COVID-19 pandemic, Ivonne



has made herself available to providers at any time, setting up FedEx pick ups for new paper referrals, assisting with a secure Dropbox file upload link for electronic files, and even coordinating with different providers to bring our team on-site safely from exposure and help construct new referrals. We invite you to email Ivonne and explore how JSIL can help you continue to get your claims moving forward under the current environment.

Recently, Ivonne worked closely with Judd, JSIL arbitration group members and our marketing team to create our first e-Welcome Pamphlet. We're proud of the work Ivonne does day in and day out for our great clients. Getting our clients the PIP money they deserve has always been our #1 priority.

[Read Our E-Pamphlet](#)

Are You Treating Remotely?

Due to the recent COVID-19 environment, have you made the necessary accommodations to continue seeing & treating existing and new patients? Many of our clients on the personal injury side convey concerns about treating with their current provider – particularly those that have no alternative but to been seen in-office. If you're offering telemedicine services through a patient's computer or smartphone, we would like to know. Many of our injured clients need e-consultations, home therapy plans, e-scribed medications, all in the comfort of their homes. Telemedicine visits allow our injury clients to meet with doctors 'face to face' remotely, reducing their risk of infection and calms natural anxiety about having to travel.



Email us and let us know if you're set up for telemedicine and how our Client Success Representative from our Injury Litigation Practice can go about scheduling same.

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Recovery

\$210,000 Settlement for surgical procedure. Judd Shaw Injury Law client sought payment for PIP medical benefits on behalf of a hospital. Judd Shaw Injury Law's client recovered \$210,000.00 for the provider, which was paid within two weeks of settling.



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Did you know there is a difference between being lucky and fortunate? At Judd Shaw Injury Law, we don't rely on luck—our legal team strategizes at all stages to set our clients up for the best possible outcome.

We believe our clients are fortunate to have excellent counsel and a strong legal team in their corner.

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Ivonne's Buffalo-Chicken Mac & Cheese

Try this Buffalo-Chicken Mac & Cheese recipe! Ivonne makes it all the time because it's so flavorful and cheesy. Click the recipe and try it for yourself!

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Clean Hands Save Lives

Washing hands is a crucial way to stop the spread of COVID-19, as well as many other viruses. The CDC says "Hand washing is one of the best ways to protect yourself and your family from getting sick."

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