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To: Workers' Compensation claim processors for Legion Insurance Co. and Villanova Insurance Co.

Subject: Benefit payments to injured workers

Legion Insurance Company and Villanova Insurance Company are currently under a Rehabilitation Order in the State of Pennsylvania. We believe that benefit payments to injured workers may stop effective October 25, 2002.

We now have a provision in Oregon law (ORS 656.445) for advancing funds from the Workers' Benefit Fund to continue compensation payments to injured workers during the period of time between default (payments not being made) and liquidation – at which time the claim would be transferred to Oregon Insurer Guaranty Association for processing. We may be able to put the new law into action for Legion Insurance Company and Villanova Insurance Company.

If you are currently processing, or in the possession of past claims for these two insurance companies, we need a complete list of all open and closed claims. Please promptly complete and fax the attached form to Debbie Brown at (503) 947-7725.

After receiving the listing of claims, we will work directly with you on each case to advance the funds from the Workers' Benefit Fund. Your prompt response will help ensure no interruption in benefits to injured workers during this time.

If you have any questions, please call Debbie Brown at (503) 947-7708 or send e-mail to her at debra.k.brown@state.or.us.

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