

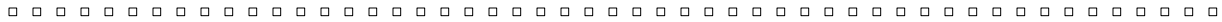
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submitted form(s), the Bureau will scan each into our system with a notation of the originally intended filing date.

I apologize for any inconvenience this unfortunate occurrence may cause. Please be assured that the Bureau has taken steps to prevent a recurrence.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in rectifying this situation.

John T. Kupchinsky
Director, Bureau of Workers' Compensation



While it is understandable that mistakes will happen, the failure to appropriately file the forms in question may result in the imposition of penalties as well as the payment of benefits that would otherwise not be payable. This is a great example as to why notices sent to the claimant should be sent by some form of mail requiring a signed receipt.

Given the current situation, if the Bureau does not have a record of having received your form, your only saving grace will be

your ability to produce "proof" that you served the form on the claimant. A certified mail receipt reflecting the claimant's signature would be the ideal form of proof.



We urge you to contact the Bureau if you filed any of the listed forms during the week of February 19, 2007. Then, keep a written record of your efforts as well as any response you receive from the Bureau. You may need to produce proof that a necessary form was appropriately filed at some point in future if the claimant challenges the status of his or her claim or if the claimant seeks the imposition of a penalty for your alleged violation of the notice provisions of the Act.

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