

Human Resources Employee Relations

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Dear NNPS Employee:

We are sorry to hear that you have suffered an injury while at work. Enclosed is information to help you have a better understanding of the Workers' Compensation claim process. In order to receive Workers' Compensation Benefits, your injury must qualify as a compensable medical injury. Various legal time limits also apply to acquiring and continuation of benefits.

Your Rights & Responsibilities:

- An employee cannot be fired, demoted or otherwise discriminated against for filing a claim in good faith.
- Keep your Supervisor and/or designee up to date with your work status.
- Work status notes should be provided to your supervisor after each medical appointment. If you are not working, have your physician fax the information to the Human Resources Department.
- You should attend all appointments scheduled or recommended by the treating Workers' Compensation panel physician or referral course of treatment.
- All information requested by PMA and/or the NNPS Human Resources Department shall be provided within the time specified, as well as compliance with any instructions.
- Should you receive medical bills related to a compensable injury, please forward these promptly to Human Resources.
- Failure to comply with work restrictions may disqualify you from receiving workers' compensation benefits. You must refrain from working outside of your medical restrictions.
- File all required information with the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission within the specified time period. The Commission should be contacted with regards to any questions or assistance needed with completing their forms.

We want to ensure that you receive the necessary treatment and benefits in an effort to expedite a speedy recovery. Please review the enclosed information and contact Human Resources at 881-5061 with any questions and/or concerns.

Sincerely,

Workers' Compensation Coordinator

PMA Claim Number: _____



Employee ID #: _____

Newport News Public Schools

REPORT OF OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES AND OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESSES

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Employee Name _____ Social Security #: _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Department/School _____

Occupation when injured _____ Was this your regular occupation? () Yes () No

Date of Injury _____ Time of Injury _____ (A.M.) _____ (P.M.)

Time Employee Began Work _____ (A.M.) _____ (P.M.)

LOCATION WHERE INJURY TOOK PLACE _____

What were you doing just before this incident occurred? (Describe the activity, as well as the tools, equipment, or material you were using. Be specific.)

What happened? (Tell how the injury occurred.)

What was the injury or illness? (What part of the body was affected and how it was affected; be more specific than "hurt"; "pain"; or "sore".)

What object or substance directly harmed you? _____

Have you returned to work? () Yes () No

Name(s) of witness(es): _____

As allowed by Section 65.2-604 of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act one of the following physicians MUST BE SELECTED for each injury for treatment needed now, and/or may be needed in the future. Failure to choose and treat with one of the physicians from this panel can result in a suspension of medical and lost wage benefits.

Concentra Hampton

Dr. Nicole Donaldson
593 Aberdeen Road
Hampton, VA 23669
Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Sat & Sun 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Phone: (757) 825-1100

Concentra Newport News

Dr. John Bossalini
803 Diligence Drive
Newport News, VA 23606
Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Phone: (757) 223-7934

Dr. Roxanne Dietzler
732 Thimble Shoals Blvd.
Suite 102
Newport News, VA 23606
Mon-Fri 7:00 a.m. - 3:30p.m.
Sat & Sun - Closed
Phone: (757) 599-3623

Mary Immaculate OccuMed Center

Dr. Joseph Charlot
14703 Warwick Blvd.
Suite A
Newport News, VA 23608
Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sat & Sun - Closed
Phone: (757) 886-6633

I choose Dr./facility _____ for treatment of this injury and verify the information I have provided is true and correct.

Employee's Signature Date

SUPERVISOR

The employee reported this injury to me on (Date) _____.

He/she was (check one):

- () Employee is not seeking medical treatment at this time.
- () Instructed to see the treating physician selected by employee.
- () Employee taken to the following emergency room _____

Supervisor's Signature Date

The Newport News School Division does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, creed, marital status, age, or disability in its programs, activities, or employment practices as required by Title VI, Title VII, Title IV, Section 504, and ADA regulations. The Director of Human Resources is responsible for coordinating the division's efforts to meet its obligation under Section 504, Title IX and the ADA, and their implementing regulations.

THIS REPORT MUST BE ELECTRONICALLY ENTERED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AN ALLEGED INJURY AND FORWARDED TO HUMAN RESOURCES



NNPS EMPLOYEES GUIDE TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Workers' Compensation Act?

The Virginia Workers' Compensation Act is the state law that sets forth benefits for employees who receive a compensable injury while at work. The Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission administers the Workers' Compensation Act. Wage loss (indemnity) and medical benefits are paid by the employer. PMA Management is employed by Newport News Public Schools as a Third-Party Claims Administrator.

What do I need to do if I am injured on the job?

Report your injury to your supervisor immediately. You are required to complete an Occupational Injuries and Illnesses Report as soon as possible following an occupational accident. A clear and complete explanation must be made describing how the injury occurred. Your supervisor or designee will immediately enter your information electronically to PMA Management and will give you a copy for your records.

What happens once my paperwork has been submitted?

Determination of the compensability of a claim will be made by PMA Management and Newport News Public Schools Workers' Compensation Office. **The fact that the school division may voluntarily pay your medical expenses and lost time does not mean that your claim has been accepted.** Representatives of Human Resources and/or PMA Management Corp., the school division's Third-Party Claims Administrator, may contact you for further information and to assist you. If you have any questions about your claim, please contact your Third-Party Claims Administrator at 1-888-476-2669 or Human Resources at 757-881-5061.

You will also be required to file a **Claim for Benefits** with the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission within the time limit provided by the law. **It is your responsibility to file your claim with the Commission.** The Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission will send you information which **you will be responsible for reading, understanding and completing any necessary paperwork in a timely manner.** If you have any questions about any of the Commission forms, contact the Commission directly at 1-877-664-2566 or at www.workcomp.virginia.gov.

How do I get medical Treatment for a job-related injury?

The Commission requires employers to provide a panel of physicians from which an injured employee must select one for treatment. You must select a physician from the panel presented to you on the Occupational Injuries and Illnesses Report and seek treatment with the physician chosen should you need medical attention. Failure to seek treatment for your occupational injury from the selected panel physician could result in denial of payment and suspension of workers' compensation benefits. You should attend all appointments scheduled by your treating Workers' Compensation physician and should obtain and provide your supervisor with a work status note after each medical appointment related to the injury/disease. Failure to continue treatment as necessary and scheduled could also result in a suspension of workers' compensation benefits. **Employees must schedule planned medical treatment outside of work hours.**

Sick leave must be used for all medical appointments during work hours. If you do not have sick leave, you should speak with your supervisor to inquire if time may be made up in lieu of Leave Without Pay. This arrangement is at the supervisors' discretion.

Panel Physician vs. Hospital Emergency Room?

Treatment with an **approved** panel physician is required for all non-life-threatening injuries (e.g., sprains, strains, fractures, lacerations, burns, repetitive stress injuries, auto accidents and exposure to chemicals or substances.)

Hospital emergency room treatment should be sought immediately if your injury is life or limb-threatening (e.g. uncontrollable bleeding, complete loss of consciousness, breathing problems, seizures, endangerment to pregnancy). It is the employee's responsibility to notify emergency room personnel that you injured yourself on the job. Follow-up, as soon as possible, is **required** with a panel physician. The panel physician's treatment plan will supersede the ER treatment plan in all matters related to Workers' Compensation. **Emergency treatment should not be sought in lieu of treatment with a panel physician unless medically necessary as noted above.**

What is light duty?

Light duty is a limited term work assignment. If the panel physician feels that you are capable of performing any type of light duty, Human Resources will make a light duty assignment available to you within your restriction(s) and within your current department or another department. If your supervisor feels that light duty cannot be provided, he/she must contact the Workers' Compensation Office immediately. **You must report back to your supervisor immediately** with physician's instructions and work status notes. You will be paid your usual rate of pay while working light duty.

What happens if the treating physician determines that I am not capable of temporarily performing any type of duty? Lost time from a work-related injury includes periods of incapacity, doctor's appointments, therapy appointments and medical treatment related to the injury that are authorized in writing by the Workers' Compensation treating physician. **An employee cannot remove themselves from work for a compensable injury without medical documentation (NNPS sick leave policy applies).**

If the physician determines that you are not capable of any type of work, you will be paid, during such total incapacity, a weekly compensation equal to 66-2/3% of your average weekly wages, as specified by the Virginia Worker's Compensation Commission. No worker's compensation payments are allowed for the first seven (7) calendar days of incapacity resulting from a compensable injury. NNPS will use your accrued sick leave for the first seven (7) days. If you do not have accrued sick leave, the absence(s) will be unpaid. If your inability to work extends beyond the seven (7) day period, per the worker's compensation panel physician, compensation will commence with the eighth day of disability.

If such incapacity continues for a period of more than twenty (20) calendar days, then compensation will be allowed from the first day of such incapacity and paid by PMA Management. Any sick leave used during the seven (7) days will be reinstated. In addition, the employee will reimburse NNPS for any days in which sick leave was paid to you during this seven (7) day period. NNPS will make this adjustment in your paycheck. Worker's compensation benefits do not allow for an employee to be paid from both the employer and worker's compensation for the same timeframe.

What will happen to my insurance premiums and other deductions?

The Commission does not pay compensation premiums for employee benefits such as, health and dental etc. If you receive indemnity payments and wish to continue your health and life insurance coverage, it shall be your responsibility to make payment arrangements with the Payroll office as soon as possible to continue paying the premiums so that no lapse in coverage occurs. Arrangements for all other deductions should be discussed with the Payroll office.

How will my leave and retirement benefits be affected?

You will continue to accrue leave and retirement benefits while out of work for a compensable injury.

What is the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and how does it relate to my injury?

Family Medical Leave Act Policy (FMLA) states that an employee who qualifies for FMLA will be granted up to 12 weeks of job protected leave during a 12-month period for an employee's own serious health condition. Since most compensable injuries meet the definition of a serious health condition under the FMLA policy, absences related to an occupational injury/illness will run concurrently under FMLA and Worker's Compensation.

The school division may assign the employee to an alternative position with equivalent pay and benefits that better accommodates the employee's intermittent or reduced schedule leave.

Who do I contact if I have a question regarding Workers' Compensation Injuries or Treatment?

PMA Management 1-888-476-2669 or Human Resources 881-5061.

I have read the above information on Workers' Compensation and understand School Board Policy GBGD and GBGD-P available on the Newport News Public Schools website.	
Signature of Employee: _____	Date: _____

**Newport News Public Schools
Workers' Compensation Safety Evaluation**

Today's Date:	Location/Department:
Employee Name:	Employee ID #:
Employee Title:	Date of Injury:

Describe how the accident happened?

Was this activity within the employee's regular job duty? Yes No

Could this accident have been prevented? Yes No
If yes, how?

Was there an unsafe act that caused or contributed to the accident? Yes No
If Yes, explain.

Were all applicable policies and procedures followed? Yes No

Was the area where the accident occurred inspected? Yes No

Were photos or video of the accident area provided to HR? Yes No

What action plans will be put in place to help with prevention:
Replacement: What? How?

Repair: What? Through what means?

Improvement: What? How?

Investigated by Signature:

Print:

Date:

Supervisor Signature:

Print:

Date:

Please scan, and e-mail this completed form to Kim Hinton: kim.hinton@nn.k12.va.us

GBGD-P - PROCEDURES: Workers' Compensation

The School Board pays the cost of workers' compensation claims administration and benefits as mandated by Virginia law for employees should they experience a compensable work-related injury or illness. This benefit may provide payment for medical, hospital and surgical expenses, plus appropriate compensation if compensable disability requires absence from work. Permanent disability or death benefits may also be a provided benefit.

The following outlines procedures used in workers' compensation cases. In cases of inconsistency, the Code of Virginia and the Regulations of the Workers' Compensation Commission will prevail.

REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY

Employees will notify their immediate supervisor of all injuries that occur while at work. The injured employee must submit the NNPS Report of Occupational Injuries and Occupational Illnesses to their supervisor immediately following a n injury or diagnosis of a compensable injury or illness. Upon completion, the form is to be promptly provided to the worksite Workers' Compensation representative who will then enter and forward the form to the Workers' Compensation office.

MEDICAL TREATMENT

The Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission's guidelines require employers to offer a panel of at least three (3) physicians to employees who require medical treatment as a result of a work-related injury. The School District will s e l e c t the physicians whose names and locations are included on the injury form. The employee **MUST SELECT ONE** of the physicians listed on the injury form for treatment of the injury or illness. As soon after the incident or diagnosis as possible, the employee should select and begin treatment with a physician on the list. Failure to choose and be treated solely by a panel physician, or panel-referred physician, may result in denial of payment for previously incurred medical treatment and a suspension of future medical and disability benefits. If treatment is required, it must be exclusively provided by the approved physician(s) in order for these treatment bills to be paid by workers' compensation.

Injuries of a life-threatening nature can may be treated at any hospital emergency room. Follow-up treatment will be restricted to the School Board approved panel of physicians or panel-referred physicians.

COMPENSATION & PAYMENT

Compensation and Payment - When there is total incapacity for work resulting from a compensable injury, the employer will pay, or cause to be paid, to the injured employee during such total incapacity, a weekly compensation equal to 66-2/3% of his/her average weekly wages, with a minimum not less than or a maximum not more than the amount specified by the Virginia Worker's Compensation Commission.

Average Weekly Wages - Average weekly wage is defined as the average earnings of the injured employee in the employment in which he/she was working at the time of the injury during the period of 52 weeks immediately preceding the date of the injury.

Change in Condition - Change in condition means a change in physical condition of the employee as well as any change in the conditions under which compensation was awarded, suspended or terminated which would affect the right to, amount of, or duration of compensation.

Refusal of Employment - If an injured employee refuses employment offered in accordance with his/her medical limitations, he/she will not be entitled to any compensation at any time during the continuance of such refusal, unless in the opinion of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, such refusal was justified.

RESTRICTED DUTY

Any employee experiencing an injury or illness compensable under the Virginia's Workers' Compensation Act will immediately report any work-restriction approved by a Newport News Schools approved treating physician to the Human Resources Department. At the sole discretion of Human Resources, the employee will be placed in a "light" duty position that will accommodate his/her restriction(s).

REPORTS & RECORDS

Records and Reports of Accidents - Newport News Public Schools will keep a record of all injuries, fatal or otherwise, received by all employees in the course of their employment with the system.



WORKPLACE INJURY PRESCRIPTION INFORMATION

Employer:

Please fill out the employee information below and provide the employee with this document to take to any pharmacy for their workplace injury prescriptions.

Employee:

PMA Companies has partnered with **Cadence Rx** to make filling workers' compensation prescriptions easy. Medications may be subject to formulary and pre-authorization requirements. Please take this letter and your prescription(s) to a pharmacy near you.

Cadence Rx has a network of over 72,000 pharmacies nationwide. To locate a network pharmacy near you, please use the pharmacy locator at <https://cadencerx.com/find-a-pharmacy/> or call Cadence Rx toll-free at 1-888-813-0023.

This document serves as a temporary prescription card. A permanent prescription card specific to your work-related injury or illness will be forwarded directly to you if your claim is deemed compensable for pharmacy benefits.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE AT THE PHARMACY, PLEASE CALL 888-813-0023

Pharmacist:

Please obtain the below information from the injured employee to process prescriptions for the workplace injury only. Please do not send the patient home or have the patient pay for medication(s) before calling Cadence Rx for assistance.

Note: Certain medications are pre-approved for this patient; these medications will process without an authorization. All others will require prior approval.

Prescription Drug ID Card		Pharmacy Information
 		<p>This form allows you to fill your initial prescriptions with a maximum cost of \$500 per medication and no more than a 14-day supply per prescription. Pharmacy, if you need assistance processing this claim, please call 1-888-813-0023.</p> <p>The pharmacy benefit card is only to be used for medications prescribed for your work-related injury. By using this card, you acknowledge and accept financial responsibility for any prescriptions billed under this card that are later found to be unrelated to your injury.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member ID format: The ID must start with FF followed by the last 4 digits of the social security number plus 8- digit DOI (MMDDYYYY). Example: FF999901012018
Employee Name:		
Member ID Number*	*Refer to Member ID Format	
Date of Injury:		
Group Number:	PMACRX	
PCN Number:	CRX	
BIN Number:	021460	
Card Created On: ___/___/___		





INFORMACIÓN DE RECETAS POR LESIONES EN EL LUGAR DE TRABAJO

Empleador:

Complete la información del empleado a continuación y proporcione este documento al empleado para que lo lleve a una farmacia para sus recetas por lesiones en el lugar de trabajo.

Empleado:

PMA Companies se ha asociado con **Cadence Rx** para que sea más fácil rellenar las recetas de los trabajadores. Las medicaciones podrán estar sujetas a requisitos de autorización previa y formularios. Lleve esta carta y su(s) receta(s) a una farmacia cercana.

Cadence Rx cuenta con una red de más de 72.000 farmacias por todo el país. Para encontrar una farmacia de nuestra red cerca de usted puede usar el buscador de farmacias en <https://cadencrx.com/find-a-pharmacy/> o llame a Cadence Rx sin cargo al 1-888-813-0023.

Este documento sirve como tarjeta temporal de recetas. Le enviaremos una tarjeta de recetas permanente para su enfermedad o lesión laboral si se considera que su reclamación amerita compensación con prestaciones farmacéuticas.

SI TIENE ALGUNA PREGUNTA O NECESITA ASISTENCIA EN LA FARMACIA LLAME AL 888-813-0023

Farmacéutico:

Obtenga la siguiente información del empleado lesionado para procesar las recetas sólo aplicadas a la lesión en el lugar de trabajo. No envíe al paciente a casa ni le haga pagar la(s) medicación(es) antes de llamar a Cadence Rx.

Nota: Ciertas medicaciones están preaprobadas para este paciente; estas medicaciones serán procesadas sin autorización. El resto necesitan aprobación previa.

Tarjeta Identificativa de Recetas		Información para la Farmacia
 		<p>Este formulario le permite completar sus primeras recetas con un costo máximo de \$500 por medicación y no más de 14 días de abastecimiento por receta. Farmacia, si requiere asistencia para procesar este reclamo, llame al 1-888-813-0023.</p> <p>La tarjeta de prestaciones farmacéuticas solo debe ser usada para medicaciones recetadas para su lesión laboral. Al usar esta tarjeta usted reconoce y acepta responsabilidad económica por cualquier receta facturada bajo esta tarjeta que resulte no estar relacionada con su lesión.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formato de ID de Miembro: El ID debe comenzar por FF seguido por los últimos 4 números del número de seguridad social más los 8 números del DOI (MMDDAAAA). Ejemplo: FF999901012018
Nombre del empleado:		
Número ID de Miembro*	*Consultar Formato de ID de Miembro	
Fecha de Lesión:		
Número de Grupo:	PMACRX	
Número PCN:	CRX	
Número BIN:	021460	
Tarjeta Creada El: ____/____/____		

Participating Pharmacies/Farmacias Participantes:

Below are some of the major pharmacy chains Cadence Rx partners with/

A continuación se presentan algunas de las principales

cadena de farmacias con las que se asocia Cadence Rx:

Acme Pharmacy	Hannaford	Rite Aid
Albertson's	Harris Teeter	Safeway
Aurora Pharmacy	HEB Grocery	Sam's Club
Bartell Drugs	HY-VEE Pharmacy	Sav Mor Drug Stores
Big Y	Ingles Markets	Save Mart
Bi-Lo	King Sooper's Pharmacy	Shaw's
Bi-Mart	Kinney Drugs	Shoptite
Brooks	Kroger Pharmacy	Smith's Food and Drug Center
Brookshire Brothers	Kmart Pharmacy	Snyder
Brookshire Grocery	Leader Drug Stores	Stop and Shop Pharmacy
Carrs	Longs Drug Store	SuperValu Pharmacy
Costco	Marsh Drugs	Target Pharmacy
CVS	Medicap	Thrifty Drugs
Dillons	Medicine Shoppe	Tom Thumb
Discount Drug Mart	Meijer Pharmacy	Tops
Eckerd Drug	New Albertson's	United Pharmacy
EPIC Pharmacy	Osco	Vons
Food City	Price Chopper	Walgreens
Food Lion	Publix	Walmart
Fred Meyer	Raley's Drug Center	Wegmans
Fry's Food and Drug	Ralphs	Weis
Giant Eagle	Randalls	Winn Dixie