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RISK MANAGEMENT BULLETIN

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TO: All MMIA Members **RM Bulletin #08-10**

DATE: April 29, 2010

FROM: Ann Komac/Claims Manager

RE: Baseline and Follow up testing for Exposure Claims

In the spirit of assisting our members and to ensure that proper worker's compensation and occupational disease benefits are paid to eligible workers, the MMIA Board of Directors has authorized baseline testing as well as follow up testing in six (6) months in circumstances where a City employee files a claim alleging that they may have been exposed to blood borne pathogens from an individual suffering from hepatitis, HIV or other communicable disease. At the recommendation of the Worker's Compensation Claims Unit, the MMIA Board of Directors has decided that employees who file exposure claims, whether or not they meet the definition of injury or occupational disease under the Montana Worker's Compensation Act, shall be provided with baseline testing and follow up testing in six (6) months. Such testing will be made without an acceptance of liability pursuant to § 39-71-615, MCA, or under a reservation of rights for an accepted claim. This decision was made on the grounds and for the reasons that such testing will provide some peace of mind to the employee who may have been exposed and if there is later a claim made for a communicable disease, it will allow the MMIA to evaluate and if necessary, better defend the exposure claim in appropriate circumstances.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this determination please direct them to Ann Komac/Claims Manager at 1-800-635-3089 or via e-mail akomac@mmia.net.

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