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Dear

Physiotherapy for ACC Clients

Physiotherapy plays an important role in the rehabilitation of many injured New Zealanders. ACC recognises this and is committed to working with the physiotherapy sector to ensure our clients retain ongoing access to the physiotherapy treatment they need.

However, in the last two years there has been much discussion about how this treatment should be funded and to what level. While there are different perspectives it is clear we must find an approach that balances the needs of the three parties involved; clients, physiotherapists and ACC. Simply put, the approach must provide:

- the treatment a client needs in line with the rehabilitation outcome sought
- a price that ACC levy payers can afford

When reviewing the current Endorsed Provider Network (EPN) contracts against these requirements, it has become clear that the EPN no longer achieves these goals for all three parties and needs to be reviewed. As you may be aware, we are already working with your professional representatives on the co-development of a new model that will ensure the sustainability of the physiotherapy service moving forward and what this means for the formal agreements between ACC and physiotherapists.

I refer to the Agreement between ACC and ~~xxx~~ for Endorsed Provider Network services.

This letter formally gives six months notice of termination of this Service effective from 15 November 2009 in accordance with the Service Schedule, Endorsed Provider Network (Physiotherapy) Service, Part 2, Part A: Quick Reference Information, Clause 1.3 as amended in the Variation Letter dated 12 September 2008.

ACC anticipates that a new contract may be ready before 15 November 2009. If this is available it will be forwarded to you prior to 15 November 2009 and will take effect if you sign it.

You do have the option to provide services under the Cost of Treatment Regulations instead of under the current agreement. More information about this option is available by contacting our Health Procurement Team on 0800 400 503 or by emailing health.procurement@acc.co.nz.

ACC has set up a page on its website where information on these issues will be provided over coming months. The address is www.acc.co.nz/for-providers/eptn-updates

For reference purposes, your Master Agreement number is ~~xxx~~, and your Service Schedule number is ~~yyy~~.

Yours faithfully
ACCIDENT COMPENSATION CORPORATION
By its duly authorised signatory

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wysocki', written in a cursive style.

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