

**CHAPTER 10**

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#### 1. ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

- a. Background. State Fund, formally known as State Compensation Insurance Fund, was established by law in 1914 as a nonprofit public enterprise. State Fund ensures the availability of workers' compensation coverage to California employees while actively competing with private insurance companies.
- b. State Agency. State Fund is a California state agency. State Fund is funded by the premium payments from those organizations it insures.
- c. Contract with State Agencies. State Fund has an agreement (Master Agreement) with the California Department of Human Resources to adjust the workers' compensation claims for legally uninsured state agencies. Under this agreement, State Fund serves as an agent and extension of the Department concerning all workers' compensation matters.
- d. Responsibility. State Fund is responsible for determining if an injury or illness claim will be accepted as occupational and ensuring that benefits, including medical treatment and the supplemental job displacement benefit, are provided in a timely manner.

#### 2. COMMUNICATION WITH STATE FUND.

- a. Commander Contact. Commanders are required to maintain ongoing communication with State Fund to cooperatively manage injury and illness cases (see Chapter 2, Case Management, of this manual).
- b. Supervisor Contact. Supervisors shall contact State Fund directly to cooperatively manage injury and illness cases.
- c. Employee Contact. Employees may contact State Fund directly to discuss their injury or illness case and to obtain a medical care provider and/or facilities referral list. If an employee has retained the services of an attorney relevant to an injury or illness case, the employee must obtain written permission from the attorney prior to contacting State Fund directly. The State Fund adjuster will not discuss the case with a represented employee without the attorney's written permission.

d. Concerns with Medical Providers. Commanders, supervisors, and employees should notify State Fund, Division, and the Disability and Retirement Unit of any concerns with medical providers and their level of service.

e. Mutual Concerns. Commanders shall maintain communication with the appropriate State Fund adjuster and discuss any concerns regarding an employee's injury or illness case. Additionally, commanders shall encourage the State Fund adjuster to notify them of any concerns the adjuster may have regarding an employee's injury or illness case.

f. State Fund Contact Information. All California Highway Patrol claims are adjusted in the State Contracts Sacramento office. The mailing address is P.O. Box 3171, Suisun City, California 94585. If the adjuster's contact information is not known, you may call the State Fund Customer Support telephone number at 888-STATEFUND (888-782-8338). Additional information may be found on their website at [www.statefundca.com](http://www.statefundca.com) by clicking the "State Agencies" link at the bottom of the page.