

Information or instructions: Letter to a client requesting medical bills so the case can be settled and PIP benefits received and advice to the client about medical treatment

PREVIEW

1. The attorney should obtain all of the client's medical bills. This is normally done by contacting the health care provider's offices and requesting and paying for copies of the bills. It is also a good idea to have the client give the attorney copies of bills, to make sure the attorney knows all of the providers, so no bills are missed.

2. The following letter may be sent to the client to:

a. make sure the Personal Injury Protection benefits are obtained, advise the client to keep his or her medical appointments and obtain the necessary medical treatment

b. request the client send the attorney copies of all medical bills, instruct the client to ask the doctors to let him or her know when the client has reached maximum medical recovery and

c. instruct the client not to allow his or her health care provider over treat the client. If the client incurs more medical costs than are reasonably necessary to obtain medical recovery, it may have an adverse effect on the case value or settlement.

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[Client's Name]
[Client's Address]

Regarding: a request for the client to send all of the medical bills to the attorney

Dear [Client's salutation]:

Per our conversation, please send me your medical bills so that we can process your personal injury claim and help you obtain the coverage that you are entitled to under the Personal Injury Protection (PIP) portion of your insurance policy, if you have this coverage.

As you recall, PIP coverage may entitle you to a payment for your lost wages and medical bills. This coverage may be obtained even if you have other medical insurance that pays for your medical bills.

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Additionally, it is very important for you to complete your medical treatment. Please keep all of your appointments with your health care providers. You should make sure that all medical problems that can or could be associated with the automobile accident, have been discovered and treated.

Once you believe you are at that point, please send me copies of all of the medical bills and expenses, including prescription drugs. I will then prepare a settlement proposal, and, if necessary, contact the doctors and obtain medical narratives from them.

You should also ask your doctors to let you know when you have reached maximum medical recovery. It is important to monitor the medical bills and treatment so that you do not incur more medical costs than is reasonably necessary to get you to the point of recovery. If you incur more medical treatment than is reasonably necessary, we may not be able to recover all of your medical bills. This could have an adverse effect on your settlement. Accordingly, please keep me informed as to the status of your condition and progress.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

[Attorney's Name]

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