

South Carolina State Accident Fund

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As an authorized health care provider, please remember that, in South Carolina, it is illegal for you to pursue collection procedures against a claimant in a workers' compensation claim before the final adjudication of the claim. Please see the relevant portion of the South Carolina Code of Laws below:

SECTION 42-9-360. Assignments of compensation; exemptions from claims of creditors and taxes.

(A) No claim for compensation under this title shall be assignable and all compensation and claims therefor shall be exempt from all claims of creditors and from taxes.

(B) It shall be unlawful for an authorized health care provider to actively pursue collection procedures against a workers' compensation claimant prior to the final adjudication of the claimant's claim. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the collection from and demand for collection from a workers' compensation insurance carrier or self-insured employer. Violation of this section, after written notice to the provider from the claimant or his representative that adjudication is ongoing, shall result in a penalty of five hundred dollars payable to the workers' compensation claimant.

All medical bills should be mailed to:	South Carolina State Accident Fund
	Post Office Box 1166
	Lexington, South Carolina 29071
	Faxed Bills Will Not Be Accepted.

The State Accident Fund must have a W-9 on file for all providers billing the State Accident Fund for workers' compensation patients. If this is the first time you have sent a bill to the State Accident Fund or you need to change, please visit our website, <u>www.saf.sc.gov</u> and go to the Healthcare Providers tab. At the bottom, you will find a link to the IRS W-9 form. A completed W-9 should be faxed to (844) 472-0657 or emailed to <u>w9@saf.sc.gov</u>.