



# SBLTV LAW

## PERSONAL INJURY



### FIRM NEWS

#### PARTNER ADDITION

We are proud to announce our new partner Jim Sproat!

He is passionate about representing injured workers and those that have been injured due to the negligence of others. He takes great pride in the personal relationship he builds with each of his clients.

When Sproat is not working, he enjoys spending time with his wife and son, playing golf, or being out in the middle of a river fishing for trout.

#### SBLTV LAW FIRM NEWSLETTER

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# WHAT MEDICAL BENEFITS AM I ENTITLED TO UNDER SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION?

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Suffering a work-related injury is not only physically and emotionally challenging, but financially difficult as well. One of the most pressing concerns in any workers' compensation claim is what medical benefits are available. The following is a brief outline of those benefits, and how they apply in a workers' compensation claim in South Carolina.

## **Comprehensive Medical Coverage**

Under South Carolina law, injured workers are entitled to receive all necessary medical treatment that is likely to lessen their disability. This is to be provided without co-pays or deductibles. Such benefits include but are not limited to doctor visits, hospital care, surgery, physical therapy, prescription medications, medical devices such as crutches or wheelchairs, and even transportation, when medically necessary. Along with these benefits, an injured worker may also be entitled to mileage reimbursement for travel to and from medical and pharmacy visits when the travel exceeds 5 miles one way or 10 miles round trip.

## **Selection of Treating Physician**

In South Carolina, the employer or its insurance carrier usually has the right to select the treating physician for treatment resulting from the work injury. Conversely, if an injured worker seeks treatment from a physician without prior authorization from their employer or the workers' compensation insurance carrier, they may be personally responsible for those medical bills. However, if an employer refuses to provide medical treatment, an injured worker may petition the Workers' Compensation Commission for an order requiring the employer to provide medical care. Additionally, in emergency situations, an injured worker may seek immediate medical attention at the nearest emergency facility.

## **Duration of Medical Benefits**

Medical benefits may continue for as long as necessary to treat the work-related injury. For the most extreme and severe injuries, this may mean ongoing care for many years after the initial injury. There is no specified time limitation on medical treatment under South Carolina workers' compensation law. However, the treatment must be authorized by the workers' compensation carrier and related to the workplace injury.

## **Second Opinions & Specialized Care**

If an injured worker disagrees with the recommended treatment or diagnosis, they may request a second opinion from another physician. While the insurance carrier is not obligated to grant this request, the Workers' Compensation Commission may order that a second opinion be provided under certain circumstances.

## **Conclusion**

Understanding your rights to medical benefits under South Carolina workers' compensation law is essential to ensuring you receive proper care following a workplace injury. If you encounter difficulties obtaining authorized medical treatment or if your employer's insurance carrier denies necessary medical care, consulting with an experienced workers' compensation attorney at Smith, Born, Leventis, Taylor & Vega can help protect your rights and secure the benefits you deserve.



# CLIENT TESTIMONIALS



"I can not tell you how happy I am with this company! Danny did everything right and Kim was also super helpful! They are the ones that get it done and I didn't even have to leave my home. They are a phone call away!!! Thank you!!"

"I highly recommend Mr. Born, Erica, and Ms. Kendall. They are the best!"

"I had Jamie as my lawyer and he stuck through a lengthy case for me and got all good results. Him and his team are excellent people and if I could give 10 stars I sure would and I'll recommend them to anyone! Thanks guys for the great work you've done for me."



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### VALENTINE'S FOR VETERANS

On Valentine's Day this year, we all came together to create heartfelt cards for both active-duty military members and veterans. We took time to express our gratitude for the sacrifices these brave men and women make for country. It was an opportunity to show our appreciation, and we are proud to have shared a small gesture of thanks.



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### ST. FRANCIS NICU DRIVE

We started the NICU drive for St. Francis because Jim's son was cared for there, and the incredible treatment he received inspired us to give back to the tiny humans who need it most. Thanks to the generosity of everyone involved, we were able to raise more than double what we did last year—bringing in a total of \$3,848.06 to support the amazing work they do.



## SOLVE THIS RIDDLE TO WIN \$20 AMAZON GIFTCARD

FIRST 5 PEOPLE WHO GUESS CORRECTLY WILL WIN

I have keys but no locks. I have space but no room. You can enter, but you can't go inside. What am I?

There is a hint hidden somewhere in this newsletter!

Email your answer to [marketing@sbltv.law](mailto:marketing@sbltv.law)  
Contest ends on July 1st 2025.

