

Vocational Rehabilitation Worker's Compensation Screening Assessment

State DOL #: WW-55768

Date of Injury:

Insurance: TRAVELERS

Claimant:

Adjuster Name:

[REDACTED]

Employer: NNE-VT

JOHNSON, VT 05656

Employer Contact

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Summations:

Medical On 11/23/24, while at work, [REDACTED] was walking in a field and accidentally stepped into a hole with right foot and twisted right knee. He was seen at Copley ER on 11/24/24. He reported pain and swelling in right knee with weight bearing pain. X-ray showed no fracture, small knee effusion. Follow up with Mansfield Orthopedics. Seen at Mansfield Orthopedics on 12/3/24. [REDACTED] was currently not working, and still experiencing pain. Ordered MRI with return to go over results. MRI of right knee done 12/821/24. Showed posterior horn medial meniscal tear with a free margin tear and cyst. Tricompartmental arthrosis, some early signs of fissuring, mild strain of proximal PCL, mild tendinosis. Seen for f/u and MRI results at Mansfield Orthopedics on 1/7/25. [REDACTED] was still out of work, PT ordered. Seen again at Mansfield Ortho on 1/108/25 for a planned right knee injection. Has a PT appointment scheduled, decided he did not wish to have the injection done, try Voltaren gel, PT, not yet cleared to work. PT report from Sunrise PT dated 1/21/25. Described that the pain gets worse with more activity. PT visit 3/128/25, stated it "felt off" that day and he had an appointment scheduled at orthopedic on Friday. Seen again at Mansfield Orthopedics on 3/14/25. Continued to complain of pain, continued PT. Unable to return to work until fully cleared. Was authorized for 12 additional PT visits. Dr. Aros reviewed MRI and recommended Steroid Injection. [REDACTED] agreed to proceed and the procedure was completed.

Employer Spoke with [REDACTED] at NNE-VT (Consolidate Communications) on 5/20/25. When asked if [REDACTED] has been medically released to return to work or has an anticipated date of return, [REDACTED] stated "how would I know?" It is unknown if [REDACTED] will eventually be able to return to his job. Suitable work is available for [REDACTED] if he is 100% recovered. He needs to be able to climb telephone poles since that is his job.

Claimant Spoke with [REDACTED] on 5/22/25. [REDACTED] does not have a lawyer and agreed to answer my questions. [REDACTED] stated that his knee is still swelling and has not improved. He just finished his last PT appointment last week and is set to see the orthopedic surgeon in early June. He has not been released medically to return to work, and does not have an anticipated date of return. He is hoping that something as far as direction of treatment will be decided at next Dr's. visit. His employer does not have any suitable work available for him until he is able to climb telephone poles.

Screening Recommendations

1. Has Employee been medically released to return to work? No
Comments:
2. Does evidence indicate that Employee will eventually be able to return to his/her job? Unknown
Comments:
3. Does Employer have suitable work available for the Employee? No
Comments: Not until employee can climb telephone poles.

If two or more of the above responses are answered in the negative, the injured worker shall receive an entitlement assessment.

Referral for Vocational Rehabilitation Entitlement Assessment? Yes

Comments:

Submitted By: [REDACTED] Follow-up screening in 90 days Yes Date complete 5/22/2025