

**NEW RULING**  
**More Time to File for Workers' Comp**

The Workers' Compensation Act provides you normally have three years from the date of your injury to file a claim for compensation. A recent decision of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court modified this Rule: an injured person can file a claim for workers' compensation even though more than three years have expired from the date of the injury, if the employer/insurance company paid medical bills for treatment of the injury and the claim is filed within three years from the time such payment was made.

For example, a worker is injured on January 01, 2000. He/she does not lose any time from work but is provided medical treatment by the employer or its insurance company. The last payment of medical bills was made on January 01, 2002 the worker would then have until January 01, 2005 to file a claim for compensation.

As long as the claim for compensation is filed within three years of the last payment of medical expenses, it is not barred by the passage of time. If you, a friend or family member needs classification or advice as to whether a claim can be filed.