



## **DISABILITY FORM EXPLANATION**

The PIBF weekly disability benefit is available when you are *totally* disabled, and unable to perform *any* type of work because of injury or illness. To receive benefits, written notice of total disability must be submitted to PIBF within 180 days of the first day of disability. Please have your physician complete the enclosed form regarding your disability. Form is to be completed by an M.D. or D.O. (Medical Doctor or Doctor of Osteopathy.) Once the completed form is received in the PIBF office, it will be reviewed to determine if you qualify for this benefit. It may be necessary for PIBF to request physician visit notes, medical records, evaluation or other forms of documentation to support your disability or continued disability.

This is not an automatic benefit. Each time a completed disability form is received and processed, a new disability form will be included with your disability check. Disability benefits cannot be paid past the date the physician signs the form. This \$250 per week benefit is available when you are totally disabled and is payable for a maximum of 26 weeks. You must be receiving treatment for the disabling condition on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis.

**NOTE: Disability payment begins on the eighth day** (one week waiting period) of an illness or a condition that is not the result of a *recent* traumatic injury. If the disability is the result of a recent accident, disability payments will begin on the first day you received treatment.

This weekly benefit became available for work related injuries or conditions occurring on or after November 1, 2014. If your disability is the result of a work-related injury or condition, you must provide the PIBF office with documentation to support your disabling condition (i.e. work/comp loss of wages statement, physician statement or other medical provider statement(s) reflecting dates of treatment.)

**If you wish to receive automatic deposits for your weekly disability payments, please complete the enclosed authorization agreement. This form can also be found on our website at [www.pibf.org](http://www.pibf.org).**

If you have any questions, please contact the PIBF office (918) 280-4800.