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(Opinion issued in letter form; name and address deleted)

Re: Opinion of Trustees
Resolution of Dispute
Case No. 81-290

Pursuant to Article IX of the United Mine Workers of America 1950 Benefit Plan and Trust, and under the authority of an exemption granted by the United States Department of Labor, the Trustees have reviewed your Request for Advisory Opinion concerning the coverage of charges for chiropractic services.

Under Article III. A. 3 (p) 1 of your Employer's Benefit Plan, charges for services rendered by a chiropractor are specifically excluded from coverage. The fact that you were referred to a chiropractor by your physician has no bearing on the Employer's responsibility for coverage. Since this service is not a covered benefit under your Employer's Benefit Plan, your Employer is not responsible for the provision of benefits for chiropractic services.

Sincerely,

Harrison Combs, Chairman

John J. O'Connell, Trustee

Paul R. Dean, Trustee