



## **Florida Work Comp Judge Tells Insurance Company: You Cannot Cut Off Benefits When Injured Workers Don't Want Surgery**

On May 19, 2012 I posted a [blog](#) advising how the insurance companies cannot force cut off an injured workers' benefits to force them to have surgery. I advised to be wary of insurance companies who may try to refuse to pay lost wages or otherwise disrupt your claim. It seem that a St. Petersburg workers' compensation Judge agrees with me.

A 55 year-old [Miami](#) resident was at work when she suffered injuries to her [low back](#) and wrist. The work comp doctors assigned restrictions, the insurance company paid [lost wage checks](#) and she ultimately was recommended to have wrist surgery. The worker was scared to have the surgery and advised the doctors she did not want the procedure. The insurance company terminated her checks and refused to pay her for the wages she was owed. After the trial, the workers' compensation Judge found that the insurance company had wrongfully suspended lost wage benefits. Specifically, he found that her fear was reasonable under the circumstances and that she should not be penalized by the workers' compensation insurance company for choosing to not have the operation.

The experienced workers' compensation attorneys at the Law Offices of Franks & Koenig are dedicated to helping injured workers receive the medical and lost wage benefits they deserve. We know how to deal with situations like the one that happened to the worker in this case and we are ready and waiting to help you fight the insurance companies when they try to prevent you from receiving the care and money you are entitled to under the law.

If you or a loved one has been hurt at work, one of the experienced workers' compensation attorneys at the Law Offices of Franks & Koenig is waiting to speak with you for a free and confidential consultation. Why wait? Call today. Hurt at Work? We Can Help! 1 (877) WE-CAN-HELP (1-877-932-2643); e-mail at [aneuwelt@franksandkoenig.com](mailto:aneuwelt@franksandkoenig.com) or visit us on the web at <http://www.franksandkoenig.com>.