

# RED TALES

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**Injured At Work** – In the Minnesota State Worker’s Compensation Handbook, Section 7.4 (entitled Employee’s Right To Choose Treating Health Care Providers), it says, “It has been specifically held that the employee should have the option or unquestioned right to choose a treating medical provider or accept one tendered by the employer or insurer. A physician is deemed to be selected by an employee even where the employee merely accepts a physician furnished by the employer. *Maronde vs. Robert Carr Construction Company*, 28 W.C.D. 129, 235 N.W. 2d 207 (Minn. 1975)

By law, you do not have to treat at the Airport Clinic or Aspen Clinic. “Treating” means accepting any treatment from a health care provider. If you treat with a health care provider of your choice, do so as quickly as possible. If you call in sick the day after your injury and a health care provider has not held you out of work, you will not be eligible for OJI pay.

**DAT Allotments** – For 2010 3 DATs per day will be offered to ESLs, 2 per day for part timers, 17 per day for ESEs. Forms for DAT Allotments will be available October 1 in the F Concourse Office or C Concourse Office. Do not call or visit Cheri Lindgren about DAT Allotments.

**Obama’s Labor Day Speech** – “So let us never forget: much of what we take for granted; the 40 hour work week, the minimum wage, health insurance, paid leave, pensions, Social Security, Medicare. They all bear the union label. It was the American worker, men and women just like you, who returned from World War Two to make our economy the envy of the world. It was labor that helped build the largest middle class in history. Even if you are not a union member, every American owes something to America’s labor movement.

Like so many Americans, you work hard. You meet your responsibilities. You play by the rules. You pay your bills. But in recent years, the American Dream seems like it’s been slipping away because, from Washington to Wall Street, too often a different attitude prevailed. Wealth was valued over work, selfishness over sacrifice, greed over responsibility. The right to organize was undermined rather than strengthened.

That’s what we saw. And it may have worked out for the folks at the top, but it didn’t work out for you and it didn’t work out well for our country. That culture and the policies that flowed from it undermined the middle class and helped create the greatest economic crisis of our time.”