



State of West Virginia Workers' Compensation Program

Quarterly Update – July 2015

The West Virginia Offices of the Insurance Commissioner is providing this quarterly update highlighting the status and key points of the SAWC workers' compensation program.

-  Premium invoices were sent to agency contacts on June 4th. Thank you to all agencies that remitted payments timely. If you have not already done so, please remit your premium payment immediately.
-  The SAWC Program will be hosting a 2nd conference on September 10, 2015 to address program insurance and claims needs. A registration link has been sent to all agency contacts. Please forward the registration information to anyone within your agency that is involved in the SAWC program. If you did not receive the email, you can register [HERE](#).
-  Zurich Insurance recently provided notice of an address and fax number change. Due to these changes, all forms on the SAWC webpage have been updated with the new address and fax number. Please begin using these forms immediately.
-  Please note there have been changes in the Zurich claim adjusters assigned to the SAWC program. You may begin receiving claim correspondence from the new adjusters. If you have concerns about the claims management or any email/correspondence you may receive from Zurich, please feel free to contact us for verification or further review of your concern.
-  The FY2016 Posting Notice has been published on the SAWC website. It is located here: [FY2016 Posting Notice](#). Please enter a contact name and number for your agency on the file and display in all employee common areas.

-  The FY2016 TTD wage calculator has been updated with the July 1, 2015 data. For those agencies that utilize this tool, please begin using the updated version immediately.
-  Please ensure that you provide a site code for each claim you report to Zurich. If you need your site codes by location, please contact us and we will provide the information immediately.
-  A Participation agreement has been placed on the SAWC website. This agreement outlines agency responsibilities and expectations. Please read this carefully and contact us if you have any questions or concerns. The agreement can be found here: [SAWC Participation Agreement](#)
-  The WVOIC maintains and updates contact and location information. If any changes are made to your agency, please notify us as soon as possible to ensure coverage is provided.
-  **Reminder:** Please report all claims within **24 hours** of notification but no later than 5 business days. Please encourage injured employees to use a provider within the HealthSmart managed health plan.

The FY2015 SAWC policy expired on June 30, 2015. As of July 1, 2015 a policy review shows that:

- 1,463 claims were filed (down from 1,579 reported on the FY2014 policy)
- For the 1,463 claims filed, the total paid amount was \$3,553,010 with reserves totaling \$3,617,498.
- There are 492 open claims (33.6%) and 971 closed claims (66.4%).

If you have any questions concerning your workers' compensation policy or if you would like information on how to reduce your workers' compensation claims and costs, please contact Tom Judy at 304-558-6279 ext. 1127 or via email at Thomas.Judy@wvinsurance.gov.