



State of West Virginia Workers' Compensation Program

Quarterly Update – July 2013

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.

-  The FY2014 SAWC invoices have been sent to participating agencies. Payments were due July 12, 2013. If you have not yet remitted your premium payment, please do so immediately.
-  The FY2014 posting notice has been placed on the SAWC webpage. Please remove the old notice immediately and replace with the current notice located here: [FY2014 Posting Notice](#)
-  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 has developed a webpage that includes claims manuals, policy information and important notices. The webpage is: <http://www.wvinsurance.gov/SAWC.aspx>
-  The WVOIC maintains and updates contact and location information. If any changes are made, 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 our CompNet managed health plan.

As the program administrator, we'd like to share some accomplishments and initiatives of our plan members. We commend these agencies on taking the steps needed to ensure our employees have a safe working environment and returning injured workers to the workplace as soon as possible.

-  The Division of Tourism and The Department of Environmental Protection have the lowest emods of all members who meet the premium threshold for emod calculation. They are 0.59 and 0.66 respectively.
-  The Department of Corrections, Regional Jails and Division of Juvenile Services are holding quarterly Shared Services meetings where they share best practices to reduce employee injuries at all their locations.
-  The Department of Health and Human Resources has been working aggressively with Zurich to develop action plans to reduce employee injuries from patient violence. Quarterly meetings are held to review progress and develop strategies to reduce employee injuries.
-  The Department of Veterans Assistance has developed a comprehensive Return-to-Work program that has been successful in getting injured workers back to work. The program has allowed them to reduce claim costs and get the workers back to being productive employees.

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