



January 3, 2017

NOTICE

Pursuant to West Virginia Code § 23-4-8(d) and (e), workers' compensation claimants are entitled to reimbursement for among other things, mileage driven "in connection with medical examinations, appointments and treatments, including appointments with the claimant's authorized treating physician." Under § 23-4-8(e), the reimbursement rate for mileage payable to a workers' compensation claimant is equal to the rate determined by the West Virginia Department of Administration's Purchasing Division Travel Rules for State employees. In accordance with the West Virginia State Travel Rules, the state's mileage reimbursement rate for privately-owned vehicles adheres to the rate set by the United States General Services Administration ("GSA").

On January 3, 2017, the West Virginia Department of Administration notified the West Virginia Offices of the Insurance Commissioner that **effective January 1, 2017, the state mileage reimbursement rate was decreased to \$0.535 per mile.** Accordingly, the West Virginia Offices of the Insurance Commissioner is issuing this Notice to advise all private carriers, self-insured employers, and third party administrators responsible for the administration of workers' compensation claims in West Virginia that the rate of reimbursement to claimants for mileage driven under the provisions of West Virginia Code § 23-4-8(d) and (e) is also adjusted to **\$0.535 per mile, effective January 1, 2017.**

Any questions regarding this Notice should be directed to the OIC's Legal Division at (304) 558-0401 or legal@wvinsurance.gov.

