

Work Comp Connection

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Division of Workers Compensation:
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The Division's Business and Accounting Section

The Business and Accounting section reviews, and approves or rejects applications submitted by employers to become a self-insured entity for workers compensation claims. To achieve self-insured status, the employer must demonstrate that they have the financial ability to pay any claims that might arise. An annual examination is conducted for each self-insured business to assure they continue to meet this criteria.

For assistance with self-insurance, email wselfinsurance@dol.ks.gov.

For assistance with annual assessments or to request another *Annual Loss Payment Report* form (K-WC 92), email workerscomp@dol.ks.gov.

Electronic Data Interchange Implementation Updates

Kansas began mandating the use of the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions (IAIABC) Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Release 3 Standards in April 2013. Implementation of the mandate is taking place in a tiered, or phased, approach. All insurance carriers, group pools and self-insurers are required to use EDI to file both First Reports of Injury (FROI) and Subsequent Reports of Injury (SROI) using Release 3 Standards.

The first phase, Tier 1, of implementation is now complete. Release 3 testing with Tier 2 EDI trading partners began July 8, and will continue through the end of September. Check the [*Tier 2 Implementation Schedule*](#) for your testing date if you are a Tier 2 partner.

Release 3 testing with Tier 3 EDI trading partners will begin Oct. 1, and continue through Dec. 20. Check the [*Tier 3 Implementation Schedule*](#) for your testing date if you are a Tier 3 partner.

The Division hopes to complete all implementation by the end of 2013.



EDI Release 3 Testing

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Fast Facts

Find information about the Workers Compensation law, elections, employers' responsibilities, the categories of disability benefits, how rates are determined, how to obtain insurance, conditions that affect benefits, guidelines for medical treatments, and ombudsman and mediation services in [Workers Compensation Information for Kansas Employers and Employees](#). A [Spanish version](#) is also available.

To discuss workers compensation benefits, email the Division's Ombudsmen section at wemployerservices@dol.ks.gov.

If you are an injured worker, attorney, insurance carrier or employer, and you would like to request records on file with the Division, download the [Employer's/Carrier's Request for Workers Compensation Records](#) (K-WC 97) or the [Worker's Request for Workers Compensation Records](#) (K-WC 98).

Find current and historic workers compensation [benefit levels](#).

Who's Working for You?

Joi Motto joined the Kansas Department of Labor in 2000 working in the Unemployment Insurance Division as a data entry operator, keying information from employer wage reports. She moved to the Fiscal Management Division in 2004 where she coded and processed purchase requests and vouchers for payment, and handled all maintenance and vehicle needs.

Joi began working for the Workers Compensation Division's in 2006 in the Business and Accounting section. Her current duties include updating information within the self-insurance, carrier and employer database systems, preparing daily deposits and financial and tax reports. She also works as lead registrar for the Annual Workers Compensation Seminar.



As lead registrar, Joi monitors and identifies areas of improvement within the Division's online seminar registration system, participates as a team member in planning registration-related system enhancements, enters registrations received by mail, processes registration refunds and manages all aspects of on-site registration-related functions.

Joi also manages and records all exhibit booth payments. She is also responsible for preparing the Division's work requests and purchase orders for the purchase of supplies, equipment, repairs, printing and other expenditures.

Seminar Considers General Session Changes

After requests submitted at the 2013 seminar, the Division is considering changing its program layout from two 90-minute general sessions in the morning, to three 60-minute sessions. If accepted, the change would bring an increase in topics with broad appeal and the opportunity to learn from more presenters. The change would not affect the amount of continuing education credits offered in 2014.



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