

Work Comp Connection



May 2015 Newsletter

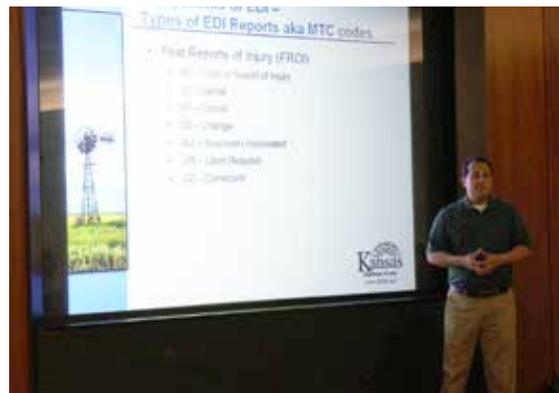
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May Training for EDI Trading Partners

The Division's Technology and Stats Unit conducted free training for existing Trading Partners on Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) on April 13 in Topeka and May 18 in Bonner Springs.

Training included an overview of documentation, technical versus business requirements, compliance, common errors and answers to frequently asked questions.

Continue to monitor the *Work Comp Connection* for information about future training sessions.



Above: Robert Soria conducting EDI training.



New Maximum Weekly Benefit July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016

Pursuant to [K.S.A. 44-510c](#), the maximum workers compensation weekly benefit for the period of July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, will be \$616.00. This maximum will apply to those accidents occurring between July 1, 2015, and June 30, 2016. The minimum weekly benefit rate for fatalities for the same period, pursuant to [K.S.A. 44-510b](#), will be \$411.00.

The [Current and Historic Benefit Levels](#) page has been updated. The new 2016 fiscal year weekly benefit rates are posted at the top of the page and in the Historic Levels at the bottom of the page.

The K-WC 107 Benefit Card will be updated in June. Be sure to monitor the [Latest News](#) for information and updates.

New Practice and Procedure Guide Available

A newly revised [Workers Compensation Practice and Procedure Guide](#) was made available online on our [Forms and Publications](#) page (see listing under the Hearings and Settlements heading) and [KDOL's Publications](#) page.

This edition of the Guide has been updated to reflect 2011 and 2013 changes in Kansas workers compensation laws and regulations and includes several new topics.



Employers, Insurance Carriers, Third Party Administrators and Group Pools

Employers must send accident reports to their insurance carrier, third party administrator or pool association for electronic submission to the Division of Workers Compensation. Per [K.A.R. 51-9-17](#), all insurance carriers, group pools and self-insurers are required to use the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) to file both First Reports of Injury (FROI) and Subsequent Reports of Injury (SROI) using the Release 3 Standards. All claim information submitted pursuant to [K.S.A. 44-557a](#), and amendments there to, by EDI shall be submitted according to the Kansas EDI Release 3 Guide.

More information about EDI can be found on the Kansas Electronic Data Interchange website at www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/edinews.aspx.

Fast Facts

- The Division will not mail reminder cards for the 41st Annual Workers Compensation Seminar happening at the Overland Park Convention Center on Sept. 29 and 30. Be sure to keep your email address current. Send updates to WCSeminar@dol.ks.gov.
- Seminar attendees purchasing registration by credit card can expect to pay a 2.5 percent service charge in addition to the cost of registration.
- Follow DigiComp project progress at www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/Digicomp.aspx.



The 2015 Seminar Medical Track

Medical professionals and others who plan to attend the 41st Annual Workers Compensation Seminar Sept. 29 and 30 at the Overland Park Convention Center will find a variety of medical session topics. Registration will open in July. Overall, the seminar offers 690 minutes of education based learning in different subject areas.

The medical track on Tuesday will include: *Pharmaceutical Formulary Management*, presented by Phil Walls, Chief Clinical Officer, myMatrixx; *Psychological Evaluations, Assessments and Referrals for Psychotherapy*, presented by Dr. Molly Allen, Licensed Psychologist, River Park Psychology Consultants, LLC; and *How Sleep Affects Workers Injury/ Illness and Their Recovery*, Dr. Dale Garrett, Occupational Health Physician, Stormont Vail WorkCare.

Wednesday's afternoon medical track sessions include: *Amputation Through Prosthetic Integration*, Matthew Luetke, Certified Prosthetist & Orthotist, Hanger Clinic; *Chemical Inhalation*, Dr. H. William Barkman, Associate Professor, Director, Center for Environmental and Occupational Health, Kansas University Medical Center; and *Show Me the Evidence*, Dr. Chris Fevurly, Medical Director, Lawrence Memorial Business Health Center.

