

Work Comp Connection



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Division of Workers Compensation:
Serving Kansas for more than 100 years

NEW LAW BOOK AVAILABLE NOW

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www.dol.ks.gov/Files/PDF/KWC300.pdf

Book includes the Workers Compensation Act of 2011 and all regulations.

Application, Data Collection and Research

The application unit processes various application forms mandated by the Workers Compensation Act. The unit ensures proper documentation is submitted to the Division. Initially a docket is created for an application of hearing and an administrative law judge is assigned. Depending on the application received, action codes are entered and the claimant records are updated. Hearing notices are also generated and sent to the concerned parties.

The data collection unit reviews awards, settlements, joint petitions and final receipts. The information collected from the transcripts and various action codes are entered into the Division database to update the claimant file. Some of the information collected includes payments, ratings and fees.

This data is used for the Workers Compensation Annual Statistical Report, which is mandated by law. The unit also scans accident reports, election forms and settlements. The documents are verified and the images are released into the Division database.

The research unit performs research on request for records regarding prior claim information. Requests

for records are reviewed to ensure the Kansas Open Records Act is followed. The research findings are then delivered to the inquiring party.

Meet Brian Hayes, Administrator of the Workers Compensation applications, data collection and research units, in the *Who's Working for You?* article on the following page.

Inside Information

Department staff will offer training to the public on IAIABC Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Release 3 Standards.

Kansas Workers Compensation will mandate the use of EDI Release 3 Standards beginning April 2013.

At implementation, all insurance carriers, group pools and self insurers will be required to use EDI to file both First Reports of Injury (FROI) and Subsequent Reports of Injury (SROI) using the Release 3 Standards.

Watch for the complete training schedule in upcoming issues of this newsletter.

ATTENTION
Insurance carriers, group pools and self insurers!

Are you ready to file reports of injury electronically?

Learn more at:
www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/edinews.aspx

Who's Working For You?



Brian Hayes is the Administrator of the applications, data collection and research units. He has been with the Division of Workers Compensation since 2006.

Prior to joining the Division, Brian worked for the state of Kansas for eight years. He is a recent graduate of the University of Kansas Certified Public Manager program.

For inquiries regarding applications, please call 785-296-4000 ext. 2125. For questions regarding research or data collection, please call 785-296-4000 ext. 2124.

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  **Suggestions to**
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Tips

General information for injured workers can be found online at www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/injwkr.aspx, with additional information found on Form K-WC 27.

Current and past benefit levels and mileage reimbursement history can be found online at www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/current.aspx.

Fast Facts

Generally, an employer in a non-agricultural business with more than \$20,000 in non-family payroll must secure workers compensation benefits for its employees. An employer can secure workers compensation benefits in one of the following ways:

- Purchase coverage with an authorized insurance carrier
- Join a group-funded workers compensation pool
- Qualify as a self-insurer

For more information about self-insurance, go to www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/accent.aspx.

39th Annual WORKERS COMPENSATION SEMINAR



August 6 & 7, 2013
Hyatt Regency Wichita

For more information: www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/seminar.aspx

Responding to Continuing Education Requests

Attendees have asked for an increase in the amount of continuing education credits offered at the seminar. This year, minutes of education will increase from a total of 690 to 720 minutes. This will be achieved by beginning each day of the seminar 15 minutes earlier than previous years.

This change will affect attendees differently depending on their occupation and length of time at the seminar. Some occupations may allow partial credit awards but require a rollback to the nearest quarter, half or whole point. In addition, arriving late, leaving early or failing to sign in on the correct roster can all reduce the number of minutes used to factor an award.

Final credit award numbers will be published in the 2013 registration flier and on the seminar website.

2013 Topics

The Seminar Planning Committee has reviewed suggestions for 2013 speakers and session topics.

General session topics will include: *Prevailing Factor, Medical Evidence from the Experts, Work Disability and The Psychological Impact of Work-Related Injuries.*

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