

# Work Comp Connection



July 2013 Newsletter

Division of Workers Compensation:  
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## Insurers Writing Workers Compensation in Kansas:

The Kansas Division of Workers Compensation, under the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL), is required by statute ([K.S.A. 44-557a](#)) to collect medical information. This information is used to set the medical fee schedule for the purpose of the Kansas Workers Compensation Act.

Since 2002, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has been under contract with KDOL to collect, compile and analyze this information as the Director of Workers Compensation deemed necessary.

The Division has ended its contract with KDHE for collection of medical information in order to set the medical fee schedule. For data submissions as of July 1 (first quarter 2013 data), workers compensation insurers writing in Kansas will continue to report these transactions in accordance with the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) *Medical Data Call Reporting Guidebook*. Details can be found on the [Medical Services and Fee Schedule web page](#).

The Medical Services section administers the Division's fee schedule for the provision of medical services to injured workers. The fee schedule is revised on a biannual basis to assure it is reasonable, promotes health care cost containment, and ensures the availability of necessary treatment and care for injured employees.

This section also administers a plan for health care services utilization and peer review, and reviews disputed charges or services rendered by health care providers. Medical Services functions as a liaison between health care providers, attorneys, employers and employees, and the insurance carrier or self-insured business.

For those registered for this year's seminar, learn more by attending the presentation, *2014 Changes to the Medical Fee Schedule*, on Wednesday, Aug. 7.

## Upgrade to Recent Board Decisions Web Page

An upgrade has been completed to the Recent Board Decisions [web page](#), that allows users to identify which decisions are based on the "new law" (2011 Workers Compensation Act) and what decisions are based on the "old law."

Decisions based on the old law will have a # (number, pound or hash) symbol following the docket number in the link to the decision. For example, *1037759 # Dunlap v. AAA Custom Mobile* identifies an old law decision.

This is a forward-going change, applying to June 2013 and subsequent decisions. April 2013 and May 2013 old law decision links will not display the symbol.

## 39th Annual WORKERS COMPENSATION SEMINAR



**August 6 & 7, 2013**  
Hyatt Regency Wichita

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July 23 to 4 p.m. on Aug. 23  
[www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/Seminar](http://www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/Seminar)

Staff unable to assist 4 p.m. Aug. 2 to 1 p.m. Aug. 8

## Questions and Answers

**Question:** *I'm new to workers compensation in Kansas, what are the top five things employers need to know about workers compensation?*

**Answer:** We recommend these employer and employee materials from the Forms and Publications [web page](#):

**K-WC 25 - Workers Compensation Information for Kansas Employers and Employees** and the Spanish version, **K-WC 250 Información Para Empleadores y Empleados**. Both publication describe the purpose of the 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, ombudsman and mediation services and more.

**K-WC 27-A - Important Information for Injured Employees** and the Spanish version, **K-WC 270-A Información Importante Para Trabajadores Lastimados en el Trabajo**, both apply only to injuries on or after April 25, 2013.

**K-WC 40-A - "Posting" Notice - workers compensation rights and responsibilities**. Applies only to injuries on or after April 25, 2013.

## Who's Working for You? — Spanish Interpreters

**Rachel Griego** joined the Division as an Ombudsman Claims Advisor and Spanish Interpreter in August 1994. She translates at preliminary, regular and settlement hearings and provides claims information about job-related injuries and illnesses to claimants, employers, attorneys, physicians and insurance agents. Rachel has been with the state for more than 20 years.



She received a degree in Public Administration from Washburn University and is certified as a Workers Compensation Professional (CWCP) by the Workers Compensation Center, School of Labor & Industrial Relations at Michigan State University. Griego also has a Medical Secretary Certificate from Kaw Area Vocational Technical School.

**Rosalio Cardona** received his bachelor's in Agriculture at the University of Zacatecas, Zacatecas, Mexico in 1982. He worked for the federal government of Mexico until migrating to the U.S.

Rosalio joined the Division as an Ombudsman Claims Advisor and Spanish Interpreter in August 2000. He assists claimants, employers, attorneys, physicians and carriers by providing claims information about job-related injuries and illnesses and acts as an interpreter at preliminary, regular and settlement hearings. Rosalio is also a point of contact in describing death benefits to those who have lost family members in job-related accidents and he helps with written translation of agency materials into Spanish.

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