

# Work Comp Connection



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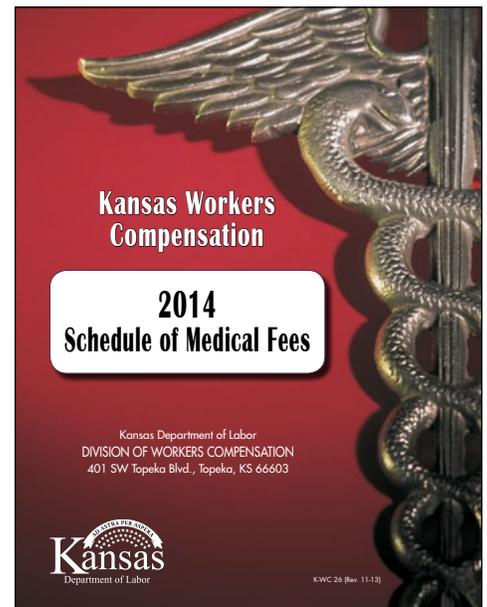
## 2014 Medical Fee Schedule Now Online

The 2014 Kansas Workers Compensation Schedule of Medical Fees is now [online](#). The Schedule of Medical Fees [website](#) also has the Quick Reference Table online search engines.

The 2008 to 2012 editions of the Schedule of Medical Fees will continue to be available for convenience in billing services provided between Jan. 1, 2008, and Dec. 31, 2013.

Appendix B, the Quick Reference Table in the 2010 through 2012 Schedules, has been discontinued for the 2014 and future editions. Unit values and conversion factors will no longer be presented. The maximum fees shown in the main body of the schedule will all be computed.

The Quick Reference Table online search engine is still available and is upgraded with the new 2014 values. The versions of this Web application using 2008 to 2012 values will continue to be available online.



## New Wichita Office Location



The KDOL Workers Compensation office located in Wichita has moved a few blocks north. The new location is at 226 N. Main St., Wichita, KS 67202.

The phone number for the Workers Compensation Judge's office is (316) 267-9510. The fax number has changed to (316) 267-1930. All other phone numbers are no longer in use. The phone system has changed to an automated calling tree system.

Read details about the move and find additional phone numbers [online](#).

## Countdown to the 6th Edition AMA Guides

The 6th Edition American Medical Association (AMA) *Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment* will be adopted by the state of Kansas in 2015. The guides recognize the importance of environmental factors and contain a new system of categorization.

Although the 6th Edition was first published in 2007, there are only 17 states currently using them for the determination of disabilities. The 6th Edition introduces five impairment classes and various functional based guide modifiers to diagnose based impairment classes. It also adds significant complexity and challenges to competent routine usage.

Kansas physicians, attorneys and healthcare providers have more than a year to prepare for using the AMA 6th Edition. The 6th Edition Guides is chosen as a General Session topic at the 40th Annual Workers Compensation Seminar scheduled at the Overland Park Convention Center on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 2014.

## Fast Facts

The reporting form available on the [Fraud and Abuse website](#) was replaced with an updated fillable and savable version. This form is now called the *Report of Fraud or Abuse (Confidential)*, K-WC 44. The form has additional fields for information, making it easier to use.

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

If you are an injured worker, attorney, insurance carrier or employer and you would like to request records on file with the Division, please download the [Request for Records](#) form.

Monitor the [Latest News](#) online to discover updates about Workers Compensation issues.

## Who's Working for You?



**Veronica Cooper** began State employment in 1986 working as a temporary Keyboard Operator in the Quality Control unit at the Department of Revenue. She continued temporary status for three years before securing permanent employment within Quality Control. Veronica moved to the Division of Workers Compensation in 1993 to work as an Office Assistant for the newly formed Ombudsman unit.

She has worked within the Division as a Secretary in the Rehabilitation section, a Senior Administrative Specialist for the Rehabilitation section and the Ombudsman unit, and continues to work as an Administrative Officer/Legal Assistant for the Office of the Director and the Medical Services unit. Veronica also now works as the Office Manager at the new Lenexa office.

As Office Manager, Veronica is the first point of contact at the Lenexa office. In addition to providing customer service at the reception desk, she schedules reservations for the three meeting rooms, handles building concerns, orders supplies and more.

## What are Elections?

Statutes written within the Kansas Workers Compensation Act allow certain employers and individuals to elect in or out of coverage under the Act.

The election process is detailed and can be somewhat complicated. Read general rules for elections and find instructions on how to complete them [online](#). Email questions to [WCEmployerServices@dol.ks.gov](mailto:WCEmployerServices@dol.ks.gov).

## Employer Services

The Employer Services unit can explain:

- Election information
- Posting requirements
- Timely submission of accident reports
- Insurance requirements
- General compliance with work comp laws and regulations

Email questions to [WCEmployerServices@dol.ks.gov](mailto:WCEmployerServices@dol.ks.gov). Other helpful forms can be found on the [Forms and Publications website](#).

