

# Work Comp Connection



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Division of Workers Compensation:  
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## Division's Future is Web-Based

The Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL), Division of Workers Compensation is preparing to undergo a comprehensive information system modernization project over the next several years. This project will involve several core components, including electronic data interchange for claims and policy reporting, dispute workflows, document management, alternative dispute resolution processes, and attorney electronic transactions and communications.

The project will be completed in two phases and is expected to take up to 24 months to complete. The two phases are Planning and Implementation. The planning phase of the project will take place throughout 2015 and implementation is planned to begin 4th quarter of 2016.

During the planning phase staff will gather information from colleagues in states that have already made the transformation to internet based-services. The information obtained will feature their successes and highlight the known pitfalls to avoid. Staff will also work closely with the builders of the Kansas state court electronic filing initiative in an effort to gather the same type of information.

The project is supervised by a steering committee comprised of the following Department of Labor employees: Director Larry Karns, David Sprick, Sheryl Linton and Austin Abbott. The Division has employed WorkComp Strategies LLC, lead by Matthew Bryant to assist in the planning phase. Matt and his team from WorkComp Strategies LLC have been involved in several similar projects and will provide independent advice on selecting the right design for the new system.

The Division has planned to launch a webpage dedicated to the status of this project in January or early February. Continue to monitor this publication for information about the project's current status and webpage address.

## The Division will not mail Seminar reminder cards in 2015.

Be sure to keep your e-mail address active. Send updates to [WCSeminar@dol.ks.gov](mailto:WCSeminar@dol.ks.gov).



## Mobile App from NCCI

Workers Compensation Coverage Verification Service Mobile App from National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI). NCCI has released a cost free mobile application called "Workers Compensation Verification" (WCCV) which interfaces with the Kansas Division of Workers Compensation's Coverage Verification Service. The app is now available through the Apple® Store.



WCCV will be the mobile answer to verifying workers compensation coverage on the go in more than 30 states. Whether you're an employee, doctor, lawyer or a general contractor and you need to determine if workers comp insurance is in force or was in force on a particular date, the WCCV app will provide insight to coverage information.

There will be a cost free Android© version made available through the Google Play store in the near future.

The Kansas Department of Labor is currently in the process of moving workers compensation records to a new location.

Unfortunately, while in transition some of these records may be temporarily unavailable. Please allow additional time for processing records request.



## Meet Matthew Bryant

Matthew "Matt" Bryant, Chief Executive of WorkComp Strategies, LLC, has been hired to lead the Division in the planning phase of the new Digitization Progress for Workers Compensation.

Matthew Bryant is principal owner of WorkComp Strategies, LLC. Matt has over 18 years of professional experience, with a focus on project management, process analysis and redesign, and strategic planning. Bryant is a licensed attorney and a certified professional project manager. Additionally he served as Director of the Virginia Workers Compensation Commission including serving as liaison to Virginia General Assembly, Commerce and Labor Committees.

As the Director of the Program Management Office for the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission from 1998 to 2010, Matt was responsible for the design and implementation of integrated Electronic Data Interchange reporting, claims management, adjudication and insurance compliance business-process and software-development projects.

Matt has an active law practice with an emphasis on general corporate matters and workers' compensation regulatory issues.

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The Division looks forward to working with Matt Bryant, WorkComp Strategies LLC, and his team of experts during the planning of our digitization project.



Matthew Bryant,  
Chief Executive,  
WorkComp Strategies, LLC

## Fast Fact

- The Workers Compensation Fraud and Abuse section does not investigate misconduct by insurance carriers or agents. These investigations are made by the Kansas Insurance Department.

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