

Work Comp Connection



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

Staff Attends Rural and Small Insurance Agent Conference



Pictured above (left to right): Suzanne Sachs, Sheryl Linton and Carol Cast.

Staff members from the Division of Workers Compensation represented the Kansas Department of Labor at the Rural and Small Insurance Agents Conference at the Atrium Conference Center in Hutchinson on January 27 and 28. More than 500 Kansas agents, brokers and company representatives attend this annual event which is specifically designed for small and mid-sized independent insurance agencies and agents working in rural communities.

Sheryl Linton presented a session on the development of our comprehensive Web-based digitization project and how the system will improved customer service and increase operations efficiency and effectiveness with agents across the state of Kansas.

Change of Medical Mileage Reimbursement Rate to 54 Cents Effective Jan. 1, 2016

Travel to obtain medical services on or after January 1, 2016, shall be reimbursed at the rate of 54 cents per mile.

The mileage reimbursement rate for state officers and employees is 54 cents per mile effective January 1, 2016. K.S.A. 44-515 (a) provides that mileage to obtain medical services is reimbursed at the rate prescribed for state officers and employees pursuant to K.S.A. 75-3203a. K.A.R. 51-9-11 provides that all round trips of over five miles to obtain medical services are reimbursable as medical mileage as provided by K.S.A. 44-515 (a).



For questions contact WC@dol.ks.gov.



Division Announces Automatic Check Handling

The Division will add Automatic Check Handling (ACH) to attendee registration payment options at the 42nd Annual Worker Compensation Seminar happening at the Overland Park Convention Center on Sept. 27 and 28, 2016. The addition of the ACH payment option can mean savings in the cost of service charges.

The Kansas Department of Labor uses KanPay to process payments received for security purposes. The KanPay credit card service charge will remain at 2.5% in 2016. ACH service charge is \$1.50.

We encourage you to register online to attend the 2016 annual seminar and use the Automatic Check Handling for overall savings in service charges.

Send questions to WCSeminar@dol.ks.gov.



The 41st Annual Statistical Report Online

The Kansas Department of Labor, Division of Workers Compensation 41st Annual Statistical Report can be linked to online at www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/Annual.aspx under Latest News. The report period is for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015.

The annual report contains three sections. Section 1 contains objectives, tasks and outputs measures for the various units within the division. Section 2 contains descriptive statistics on accidents that occurred during FY 2015. Returning this year is Section 3 which is the first closed claims study we have published since migration to Kansas Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Release 3 requirements was completed on January 1, 2014. The closed claims study reports statistics on costs and temporal data for indemnity claims that closed during calendar year 2014.

Questions about the annual report can be sent to WC@dol.ks.gov.

Fast Facts

Forms and Publications - The [Forms and Publications](#) Web page has changed. All the forms are grouped into categories the same as before, but when you go to the page, you'll find navigation buttons representing the categories. Each button will take you to the page with links in that category only, and a link back to the button's (home) page making it easier to find what you need.

Accident and Prevention page - Each insurance company and group-funded self-insurance plan is required to provide accident prevention services upon request of the covered employer. Find out more at www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/AccidentPrevention.aspx.

SAVE THE DATES!

Kansas Department of Labor

September		2016				
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